

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

Our topic this term is Ancient Egypt, which will be brought to life with our Egyptian Day (including art and food tasting activities – all in full Egyptian costume!) on the 8th February. Additionally, we will be visiting the British Museum, on 14th March, to further our learning of Ancient Egypt, including a Egyptian Life workshop. After half term, on 27th February, the topic will culminate in a 'Raleigh Egyptian Museum', which will be an exciting opportunity for the children to share their hard work with you and other children – watch out for details in due course. After half term, we will be studying the physical and human geography of modern Africa.

We will also be off on our fantastic residential trip to Osmington Bay on 23rd April and we will be sending out a kit list and further details in due course.

Mrs Booth, Mrs Martin, Mrs Chalk, Mrs Price, Miss Wotton and Mrs Pinder (The Year 5 Team)

Outdoor Games and PE

Outdoor Games — this will continue to take place every Tuesday afternoon. Indoor PE for both classes will be on a Friday afternoon.

Please ensure your child has their **full** named PE kit in school **every day, especially if they take it home after a school sports club during the week.** In cold weather a tracksuit is required and this is available from the school shop and via TUCASI. A spare pair of socks is also very useful! We would welcome any donations of spare PE kit thank you.

Equipment

Reading book

Reading Record - this **MUST** be brought into school **EVERY** day

Pencil case (to include a Pritt stick, a black handwriting pen, a whiteboard pen, a pencil and a ruler). This **MUST** fit into their trays.

PE kit (labelled please)

Freshly filled water bottle (clearly named)

Packet of tissues

What are we learning about this term?

In Maths this term, we will continue to look at the application of the four number operations, fractions, decimals and percentages, properties of shapes, area and perimeter and problem solving. Reasoning opportunities will be provided throughout to deepen understanding.

In English, we will be studying stories from other cultures, and myths and legends as well as improving our comprehension skills and spelling. We will be issuing logins for 'Read Theory'. Please encourage your child to use these online reading comprehensions at home as this is a valuable resource to help with their progress.

Our science topics this term are the properties of materials and changing states.

Osmington Bay reminders!

We are delighted that Year 5 will be attending this trip from

Tuesday 23rd April — Friday 26th April 2024. It forms a vital part of our final geography topic in Year 5 — Coasts! The next payment instalment is due on Friday 12th January but please remember that payments are flexible. You can contact Mrs Light in the School Office for advice on a payment plan if required.

You will receive a medical permission form later this term via your child. Please complete it promptly.

Later this half-term, we will be talking about the detailed arrangements and we will be sending home a kit list so you can check that you have everything you need over the half-term holiday. However, please remember the children may get wet and muddy, so pack their old clothes!



Homework

Homework will continue to be uploaded to the One Drive on Wednesdays and is to be returned the following Monday. Please ensure that it is handed in promptly each week and that it is of a similar standard to class work. It should be neatly presented and with joined, cursive handwriting using a black handwriting pen.

In addition, children should read a minimum of three times a week and, ideally, should discuss the text with you. One of these could be using Read Theory, which will help with their reading comprehension. Please sign your child's Reading Record at least three times per week. We encourage the children to also write a comment about what they have read to create a conversation around reading.

Please continue to support your child with learning their ten spellings each week. This could involve writing them in a sentence, 'Look, Cover, Write, Check' activities or the other activities shared in the autumn term on the website..

Times Tables practice via TT Rockstars or Mathletics. Please practise recall of multiplication facts and associated division facts as frequently as you can, encouraging them to reason and explain their thinking.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 8th February : Egyptian WOW day
Monday 12th — Friday 16th February: Half-term
Wednesday 27th February: Egyptian Museum
Monday 25th March: Parents' Evening
Wednesday 27th March: Parents' Evening
Thursday 28th March: End of Spring Term

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