



Year 5 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have had a relaxing and enjoyable time off and are ready to start the Summer Term. Our learning focuses this term are Ancient Egypt with a particular focus on Pharaohs, Harry Potter as our English text and Animals including humans for science. We are just starting an exciting new computing curriculum where children will explore using the green screen and experiencing life as a 'Youtuber'.



During our Ancient Egypt topic, we are going to learn first-hand about the gruesome, yet fascinating, process of mummification. We'll research Howard Carter's famous discovery and use different sources to research Tutankhamun's tomb. We'll also consider whether it was right to open Tutankhamun's tomb, or whether it should have been left as it was. We'll design Egyptian masks in detail, focusing on symbols and design features. Studying historical sources will help us learn more about the Pharaohs, the Egyptian gods and ancient

religious beliefs.

Our whole school reading initiative is now fully running in the Year 5 classrooms, children are working their way through the planets to reach the Sun! It is important that children read at home and bring their reading records to school every day to move their rockets through the planets. Well done to those children who are approaching the sun for the second time, keep up the reading!



PE

Children have one weekly PE lesson and a daily activity - this could be 'Wake Up Shake Up' or 'Just Dance'. This will happen at the start of the school day and has proven to improve both physical and mental health, and boost attainment.

PE is on Thursdays for both Year 5 classes. Please ensure that children bring correct kit every week. PE kit is a plain green t-shirt and plain shorts or joggers. Earrings (studded) **must be removed** for PE.



Thank you for your continued support
Mrs Smith, Miss Weir and Mrs Watson

Home Learning

Reading at home, spellings & learning times tables are the main focus for the home learning the children receive in Year 5. Children should be reading at least 5 times a week in Year 5, this will help them with all of their learning during the school day.

Children will also bring home spellings to learn on a Monday night, they will then be tested on a Friday. These spellings will focus on a different spelling rule each week.

As times tables knowledge forms a key role in many mathematical concepts, it is important that children learn times tables facts up to 12x12 fluently. We would like to encourage you to support your child in learning these facts at home on a regular basis.

Children have logins for Spelling Shed, Times Tables Rockstars and Reading Plus which they should be using to support their home learning. Children have been given their passwords again just before Easter. In school we monitor these programmes to determine whether the children have completed their home learning.