

# Year 5

# Class Newsletter



Spring 2019

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a relaxing Christmas. Mrs. Smith, Miss Ware, Mrs. Hadley, Mr. Morgan and I would like to send our sincere thanks for all the gifts and well wishes during the Christmas period. Here is some information to help you support your child with their learning at home.

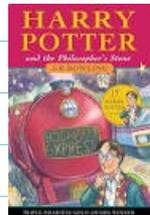
## Home Learning



Please continue to support your child's learning at home by practising their spelling challenges with them and reading regularly. Children need to read regularly at home either to an adult or independently. We are keen to hear about the books children are reading at home so please sign their reading record even if they now read independently. To support their learning in Maths, please support your child with learning their key facts for their current multiplication and division club. Please also ensure they are working on DoodleMaths daily and encourage them to use DoodleMaths Times Tables. We have had over 40 passes on the Times Tables clubs last term; the children are determined to beat this in spring term!

## English

This term we will be working on a range of stories and using work by the likes of David Almond, J.K.Rowling and Katherine Rundell to inspire us. Children will be reading a range of texts including The Highwayman and The Raven. They will also continue to their understanding of how to manipulate sentences to achieve different effects and how to create cohesion within their writing.



## Maths

In Maths this term, we will first be focusing on developing our use of the formal method of multiplication before moving onto learning how to use the formal written method of short division and apply both methods through a variety of problem solving contexts. We will then be moving on to Fractions: we will explore how to compare, order, add and subtract fractions with the same denominator or denominators that are multiples of the same number. We will then be moving on to relating fractions to percentages and decimals and to confident round, compare and use them as part of problem solving activities.

## Science

In **Science** we will be studying Earth and Space, including learning about gravity and resistance. Our main focus will be the Solar System, including orbits of planets and how this impacts us on Earth.

## History

In **History** we will be looking to develop our understanding of chronology as well as investigating and interpreting the past by looking at primary and secondary sources. We will also look at the concept of continuity and change within the Ancient Egyptian period and beyond. Themes will include Gods and Goddesses, mummification, the history behind the pyramids, hieroglyphics and food.

## Geography

As well as looking at the climate and landscape of Egypt. This will include map work; thinking about physical and human characteristics. Our main area of focus will be the River Nile and its importance in ancient and modern Egypt.

In **Computing** we will be continuing to develop our coding skills on Scratch as well as building on our understanding of coding and encryption. We will also be continuing to develop effective research skills and our understanding of trusted and reliable sources when searching the internet safely.

In **French** we will be focusing on confidently telling the time and continuing to develop our conversational skills.

**Art** will link to the Egyptians where we will enhance our drawing skills and work with clay. We will also be using different paints including water colours and use pastels too.

In **D & T** we will be creating 3D pyramids using wood and we will be cooking pancakes with Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Warren.

**Music** will the children will look at rhythm patterns and learn to listen and appreciate some classical pieces. They will also be creating some compositions linked to our Ancient Egypt work.



**PE** will take place on Monday afternoons with Mrs. Adams (specialist PE coach) We will be focusing on developing a range of game skills. We will also be developing routines within gymnastics and using our gymnastics equipment to vault and to swing. Please ensure that children have a full PE kit in school everyday– for some of our PE lessons we will be outside when other classes are in the hall and so with the cold weather, the children must have a full outdoor PE kit including joggers, fleece/ jumper and trainers.

RE is very exciting his term as we will be having weekly Bible Explorer sessions which are led by David Brown. We will also be looking at Christianity including the Lords' prayer, parables such as The Lost Sheep and the Unforgiving Servant as well as a focus on Easter and the stations of the cross.

In PSHE, this term, we will be busy as we will be exploring a range of areas including, changes in our bodies as we grow up and safety in different environments. When learning about safety in different environments, we will focus on fire and global warming and energy choices.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me:

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Many thanks for your support,

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