CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

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YEAR FIVE

What we will be learning this term:

Maths

Year 5 will begin their Maths learning as 'Formula 1 Data Analysts' within Place Value, exploring numbers up 1,000,000 through partitioning, ordering and comparing. We will discover key rules for rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000, whilst we will also look further into concepts such as negative numbers and Roman Numerals. Our place value block of learning will culminate in the children selecting racing drivers for our team based on certain 'number' based characteristics! We will finish the term with a focus on mental and written methods when using addition and subtraction. Our learning will be supported through the use of concrete apparatus - children will be encouraged to develop their independence skills in utilising these resources effectively.

English

Within Writing lessons, we will be exploring Ancient Egyptians myths initially. Children will immerse into the tales of Gods and their adventures, before writing their own versions of a quest story. Year 5 will explore techniques such as 'show not tell' and how to effectively create atmosphere and tension through wider punctuation, powerful vocabulary and sentences types.

We will then create our own fiction-style newspaper reports about a missing God/object. Children will learn how to use a wide range of clauses and the passive voice to up-level their writing. Year 5 will explore new spelling rules for UKS2, expanding and embedding their knowledge from Y4.

Science

In Science, Year 5 will be exploring properties and changes of materials, including dissolving, separating mixtures and reversible and irreversible changes. Children will develop their practical enquiry skills as they investigate how different materials behave and how their properties make them suitable for different purposes.

Throughout the unit, they will work towards answering our big enquiry question: "How can science help us prepare the perfect picnic?", using their scientific learning to make informed choices about materials and changes. They will apply their scientific knowledge to real-life challenges, considering the best materials for packaging and keeping food at the right temperature, as well as exploring how different changes can be used when preparing food.

‘How have the Ancient Eygptians shaped our world today?’

This term our topic focus is History, where the children will dive into the world of the Ancient Egyptians. Our big question asks ‘How have the Ancient Egyptians shaped our world today?’ Children will discover what daily life was like for Egyptians, learn about Gods, pharaohs and the afterlife, before exploring what the Egyptians achieved and how they have shaped and influenced modern day culture.

The topic will finish with a special ‘Egyptian Day’ on Thursday 15th October, where children are encouraged to come dressed as an Egyptian for the day to maximise their experience!

What you can do to help at home:

Your support and partnership with your child’s learning from home is crucial. Children should bring home (and return) their reading books and records daily to read with an adult, and independently. They will be given opportunities to reflect upon books they have read and change them regularly in school.

Opportunities to practice their spellings and timetables weekly are also important, please do grab me if you require a reminder for logins etc.

Y5 Homework expectations are outlined in your child’s homework books, which **will be sent home on a Friday to be returned for the following Thursday.**

Reminders

PE for this term will take place on a Wednesday (Cross Country) and Thursday afternoons (Gymnastics). **Please ensure children have their PE Kits in school daily.**

Outdoor learning will be on a **Monday** afternoon, so please ensure that your child comes in with appropriate footwear and warm clothing.

Upcoming events:

*Coaching Week - 28th September

*Y5 Trip to Wellingborough Mandir - 29th September

*Individual Photos - 1st October

*Whole School Number Day - 6th October

*Spanish Day - 12th October

*Parents’ Evenings - 14th & 15th October

*Y5 Ancient Egyptian ‘Dress up Day’ - 15th October

Contacting Mr Flowers

It is my absolute pleasure to introduce myself as your child’s Year 5 class teacher this year. I am a huge believer in a positive and productive home-school partnership and welcome regular dialogue and communication with you.

Please do grab me for a chat at drop-off and/or collection in the school day if there is anything you would like to discuss or make me aware of. Alternatively, please contact the school office to arrange a meeting.