

Spring Newsletter- Class 5

First of all I would like to wish you all a happy new year and I hope the children are looking forward to getting back at it – it will be a busy term. The expectations of the classroom haven't changed and all routines which were in place in Autumn term will continue this term.

Our learning theme for this term is "Tomb Raiders" focusing, as you would expect on the Ancient Egyptian Civilisation. I hope your child will find this interesting and exciting. If at home you have anything that may contribute for a display or could be interesting to talk about, bring them in as they would be very welcome! In science we will be covering Light and Sound which links nicely to the overarching theme.

PE: It would be appreciated if PE kit was brought in on a Monday morning and went home on a Friday. PE kit consists of black shorts and a plain white t-shirt. Trainers will be required for outdoor PE but indoor PE is done in bare feet the majority of the time. Can I also ask that in their PE kit some "warm" clothing is also put into their kit bags as even if it is cold (especially in January and February) we will be going outside to do PE. No school uniform is to be worn for PE and in the interest of safety jewellery must not be worn, earrings must either be removed or taped and long hair must be tied back.

Reading: Reading plays a huge part in your child's learning and we ask they have somewhere quiet where they can read for enjoyment at home. At this age it is fine for them to read individually but please make sure you do spend some time listening to them read as well. When you come to sign the reading log one signature is sufficient for the weeks reading. Please try and make sure that reading homework is completed and filled in correctly by your child as towards the end of the term it started to cause more problems than I than I was anticipating.

Homework: Your child will continue to receive regular homework and may this term get extra pieces if I feel the need to set homework on that particular day. They will continue to write on each piece when the homework needs to be handed in (Tues-Fri and then Fri-Tues). Completed homework will be discussed either as a group or as a class and it would be appreciated if your child comes to me before it is due in if they are finding it difficult so they can have the opportunity to complete it successfully. Please do support your child with their homework but do not do it for them. Anything they find difficult regarding their homework will be written by themselves in their reading records to inform you – but it will be up to them to complete this.

If you have any further questions about anything at all, please do not hesitate to ask. I am looking forward to the coming months and I am excited to get going again.

Regards

Mr Barnes