

Spring Newsletter- Class 5

First of all, I would like to say Happy New Year and I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas. The children have settled back into routine well and are looking forward to a busy and enjoyable term. The Class newsletter is to inform you about routines and what is expected of your child. In Class 5, we are still working towards the children being organised and taking responsibility for their own learning so please try and support them with this as best you can so they can achieve this quickly.

Our learning theme for this term is “Tomb Raiders”. Below is a table showing the learning themes in each subject area. If you have anything that could contribute towards a display or know of anyone who could come in and talk about these areas, then that would be greatly appreciated.

Science – Light and Sound	Geography – River Nile/Egypt	History – Ancient Egyptians
PE – Gym / Basketball	Art – Masks	DT – Jewellery
ICT – Animation	Music – Jazz	

PE: Lessons will take place on a Tuesday (Gym) and a Friday (basketball) –PE kit consists of black shorts and a plain white t-shirt. Trainers will be required for outdoor PE. Can I also suggest that if the weather is not great that they come in “warm” clothing as even if it is cold (especially in winter) we will be going outside to do PE. Warm clothing where possible should consist of plain tracksuit and jumpers. 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 that they have the opportunity to read with another adult on a regular basis, discussing different parts of the texts to check their comprehension skills. Please try and encourage your child to choose books that are age related and possibly of the “Recommended Reading List”. When you come to sign the reading log one signature is sufficient for the weeks reading. A weeks’ worth of reading consists of four separate reading sessions.

Homework: Your child will receive regular homework; this will normally be on Tuesdays and Fridays. There may be some instances this term where I send more homework depending on how learning has gone in the classroom. In their reading log they will be encouraged to write when it is due. Normally Fridays homework is in for Tuesday and Tuesdays is in on Friday. Alongside reading and times tables, there will be additional, varied tasks for them to complete. All homework that is set will be discussed in class on a weekly basis. It is down to your child to be independent and completing it so that their learning moves forward at the pace I would like. Please assist your child with their homework but do not do it for them.

If you have any further questions about anything at all, please do not hesitate to ask. I am looking forward to teaching and supporting your child this year and I hope they thoroughly enjoy it.

Kind Regards – Mr Barnes