

Year 5 Newsletter

Term One 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely summer break. We are pleased to welcome the children back to school and into Year 5. We are really looking forward to teaching them! Obviously school life has changed. These changes have been explained to the children and as always, the children have adapted well.

Main changes include:

- Sitting in rows facing forward
- Having their own set of equipment
- Staggered break and lunchtimes - Year 5 go out at the same time
- No whole school assemblies.
- Regular handwashing

Please ask or send an email to admin if you have any questions and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

The topic for this term is 'Ancient Egypt'. Attached to this newsletter is a topic web, which outlines what we will be covering across the curriculum during this first term.

We are starting the year using a book called 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers. The children will be taking part in creative writing, art and discussion lessons.

Below is a little bit more detail on some aspects of life in Year 5:

Drop-off and Pick-up -In the morning, children can enter the school through the side gate and will be let into the building by an adult at 8:50am. Please speak to whoever is on duty at the entrance if you have a message for the teachers. Please let us know if there are different arrangements for your child, for example if they are allowed to walk home on their own or if someone other than a parent or main carer is collecting them, via an email. If there is an ongoing arrangement, whereby a grandparent or other adult will pick up on a regular basis, please let us know as soon as possible so we can record this in the classroom. Even if it has been an arrangement with a previous teacher, please tell us to avoid any confusion and unnecessary phone calls.

Reading - Children will have a reading record and a school reading book in school. Books can be taken home but books will be quarantined for 72 hours before being returned to the library. Please have our assurance that children will be reading every day and that children will read aloud to an adult at least once a week.

For **Homework** this term, we are setting a project based on our history topic of the Ancient Egyptians. All information about this is provided separately. Homework helps to consolidate and extend the work done in class, and the children can really immerse themselves in the topic. Alongside this, weekly **Maths homework** will be set each **Friday** for the children to consolidate and extend the learning we have been doing in class. Completed homework should be handed in by **Wednesday** for marking. Homework will be available on 'Google Classroom'. If your child requires a paper copy of any of the homework please ask.

We will spend time as a class this term using *Google Classroom* so that we can be more familiar using the platform.

The **spellings** will focus on learning the rules and patterns for spelling, so that children are able to apply learnt rules when attempting to spell new words. The spelling rules and patterns for the term are attached, along with a few example words. Spelling will be taught discretely two or three times per week, and the children will then complete a **weekly dictation** on **Fridays** to give them the opportunity to apply the rules learnt. Any practice at home really helps the children to grasp a rule.

P.E. lessons will be on **alternate Mondays and Thursdays and Wednesdays every week**. The lesson will take place **outdoors** this term and wherever possible. Children need to wear PE kits to school on PE days. We will endeavour to remind pupils when they will need to wear their kits to school.

Mrs Knight will work in Year 5 this year, supporting individuals and small groups of children with their learning.

We are looking forward to meeting you soon. If you have any queries in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Laura Morson

Mrs Karen Adams
