Year 5 Autumn Term Newsletter

Miss Lloyd and Mrs Scott would like the opportunity to welcome everyone back after the summer holidays! We hope you all ready for what will be an exciting and busy year for the children. The children have come back with such a positive attitude and full of smiles! They seem very keen to learn and we cannot wait to get stuck in with our topic this term!

**PE**

We are planning to have PE lessons on a Wednesday and Thursday this term.

Pupils will need tracksuit bottoms, a sweatshirt, a plain t-shirt in their house colour and, trainers. Long hair should be tied back and earrings taken out or covered for PE. PE kits should be sent with your child on a Monday and we will send them home on a Friday.

All children are expected to take part in PE and will be provided with a school-based PE kit if necessary.

**Curriculum**

Our topic this term is ‘The Awesome Egyptians’. In English, we will be writing a variety of genres such as a non-chronological report comparing religious beliefs of Egyptians to that of the Romans, which the children studied in Year 4. We will also be writing our own adventure/mystery narrative in the first person. During reading lessons, we have begun studying the book ‘A Boy at the Back of the Class’. We have started to explore the front cover and first chapter this week and I am pleased to say that the children are already enthralled.

In Maths, we will begin by revisiting our knowledge of place value from Year 4 and extending our skills working with numbers up to 1 million. From there, we will move onto our addition and subtraction and multiplication and division units.

I am most excited about our history lessons, where we will find out about the achievements of the Ancient Egyptians. We’ll explore the importance of the River Nile, learn about tombs and pyramids, find out about hieroglyphics and discover lots of interesting information about gods, goddesses and afterlife beliefs.

Meanwhile, in Geography, our focus this term will be on locating countries and cities of the world. We will revise world countries and then focus predominantly on Europe. This will involve the children choosing their own country to research.

In Science, our first topic is ‘Properties and Changes of Materials’ We will be investigating changes of state, reversible and irreversible changes and how to recover substances from a solution.

We will learn about three artists over the course of this year. In autumn term, we will be learning about Picasso and the cubism style. Children will research Pablo Picasso, experiment with colour to create mood and create a self-portrait inspired by what they have learned, In DT, we will be thinking about seasonality of food around the world and in the UK and designing and making our own seasonal dish.

**Don’t forget..**

* Please ensure all your child’s uniform (including coat and PE kit) is named! So many jumpers and cardigans go missing every school year. We really struggle to reunite them with their owners if uniform is not named or initialled.
* Please make sure your child is at school on time! Being late affects their attendance, leaves them feeling unsettled and also means they miss key learning opportunities.

**Reading and Homework**

* Reading books and records will be sent out on a Monday and collected on a Friday for changing. Please take the time to read with your child **3 times a week as a minimum,** and focus on their understanding of the text by asking questions.
* Reading books must be brought to school each day so we can listen to children read 1:1.
* Spellings homework/activities will be set on a Monday in their ‘Home Learning’ books. Homework must be completed and returned by Friday.
* Weekly Maths homework will be set on Purple Mash on a Monday. This will involve practising key skills and times tables. The activity will be set to end on a Friday.
* It is important that children remain confident using the online platforms to access work. If you have trouble accessing work online, please let us know.

Thank you again for your continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us.

Miss Lloyd and Mrs Scott