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Year 5 Newsletter – Autumn Term 2018

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back after our summer break. We hope you've all had a lovely holiday, and are ready for the new term. This year we are embracing some more new topics, so there may be a few differences to previous years!

Our class topic until half term will be **'Who's the Mummy?'** The children will be doing a geographical study of this area of the world, and creating some masks and jewellery. We will also be visiting a museum to learn more about the history of this area of the world. (Letters to follow shortly)



- **Literacy** – We will be linking many aspects of our literacy this year with the topic we are covering. This half-term we will be focusing on story writing, poetry, biographies and instructional texts.
- **Maths** – The children will start by improving their understanding of place value, including decimals and fractions. Followed by written addition and subtraction, mental multiplication and division and statistics.
- **Science** – The first topic will be the circle of life. They will extend their understanding of what a life cycle is, and learn about the life cycles of some familiar (and some less familiar) mammals, amphibians, insects and birds.

After half term our class topic will be **'World War 1?'**

- **Literacy** – In line with our topic, we will be writing letters, diaries and historical stories.
- **Maths** – This half term will cover fractions, Geometry and measures, multiplication and area, angles and time.
- **Science** – the children will be aiming to improve their knowledge of the properties of certain materials, and how and why those specific properties make them suitable for particular uses.

In Religious Education we will be learning about the Bible and Mohammed.



Homework

Homework is an extension to work in class and is used to reinforce and extend your child's knowledge and skills. It is a very important part of their education, so please make time for your child to complete their home activities, supporting them as needed. Weekly spellings will again be sent home on a Monday, the children will have 10 spellings to learn as well as words that follow the same spelling rule to investigate. Maths will be sent home on a Friday afternoon. It doesn't need to be returned until the following Friday. There will be projects set for topic work which the children will need to produce at the end of each half term – parents will also be invited in to view.

Reading

Every **Monday** morning we will be asking the children in Year 5 to give us their reading records. If they have read **at home** at **least 3 times**, in the previous week, then we will reward them with a star at the top of the page. Therefore please help your child by filling in their reading record when they have read at home (in Year 5 we also consider them old enough to fill in their own reading records if they wish). It can be ANY book, not just their reading book or library book.

P.E.

P.E. for Year 5 will be on a **Friday**. A full P.E. kit should be kept in school at all times. Children will be **swimming** on **Wednesday** afternoons, so please can you make sure they have the correct kit. If you wish your child to keep their earrings in for P.E., please send in plasters for them to use. **NO EARRINGS ARE ALLOWED FOR SWIMMING** (the children must be able to remove and put them back in themselves). Please make sure that everything is labelled clearly.

Water bottles

We ask that children take their bottles home on a Friday so that they can be cleaned ready for Monday. Please remind children to bring them back, cleaned and filled with water (no squash please!). New bottles can be purchased from the school office.

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to come and see us or make an appointment at the office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Means & Mrs Robinson