



Welcome back to school!

Hello and a big welcome back to your child's first term in Year 5! This is a fantastic year as we have lots of interesting topics to learn about, and of course our visit to Stubbers later in the year! Letters regarding the trip to Stubbers will be sent home this half term.

Cornerstones

We will start the year off with our topic, Pharaohs. This is a period of history that the children have absolutely loved learning about so far. In this topic we learn all about the tomb of Tutankhamun, mummification, the afterlife and how to write like an Egyptian. The children seem very enthused about this topic, and I can't wait to see the home learning they share with us as the half term progresses.

Literacy

In Literacy this half term, we will be writing suspense narratives. We will imagine we are Howard Carter entering the tomb for the very first time, and building lots of tension in our writing! We will also be writing our own set of instructions about making a mummy, as well as writing a formal letter reassuring a worried Pharaoh about his journey into the afterlife!

Maths

In Maths we will begin with number and place value. We have already started reading and writing numbers up to one million. Please take time to practise reading 5 and 6 digit numbers with your children, as this will boost their confidence and progress. We will also begin to use these larger numbers to round and estimate answers to questions. We will work on our formal methods for addition, subtraction and multiplication this half term. Please keep practising your times tables at home with your child as this will be imperative when using formal methods for multiplication.

P.E.

For this half term, P.E. will be taught on a Wednesday by our Sports Coach, Mr Reynolds. It is vital the children bring their kits in every single session so that lessons can run smoothly and the children get the most out of the sessions.

Any other notices:

- Spellings are handed out on a Friday afternoon following the spelling test. These spellings are now on handed out on paper as we no longer send homework books home. Spelling tests will be written in books that stay in school; children will be sent home with their scores each week. Please ensure children are practising their spellings each night and learning the meanings of their words by writing their 10 sentences.
- Please ensure your child is reading every night for at least 20 minutes. Their reading records need to be signed by an adult and the children should be heard by an adult or older sibling/family member. It is important children build their stamina for reading in Year 5.