

Year Five Newsletter - Term 1



Dear Families,

Welcome back and welcome to Year 5! We are very excited to welcome your children to Bunzl and Cottrell-Boyce Classes and cannot wait for them to start learning about our topic for this first half term – Pharaohs.

This term we will learn about the ancient Egyptians! We will locate Egypt on a map, learn more about famous pharaohs (such as Tutankhamun), delve deeper into the afterlife after mummification and find out who was important during the Ancient Egyptian era. You'll find a taste of these overleaf on our Year 5 curriculum map.

During the first week of term the children will also be learning more about our class authors (Peter Bunzl and Frank Cottrell-Boyce).

If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to any one of us.

Mr Pye, Mr Barwell, Mrs Larrett and Mrs James.

PE

Year 5 PE day is Friday. Please ensure that your child comes to school in the correct PE kit on that day and that it is clearly labelled with their name. Earrings will need to be removed for PE.

Reading

Please ensure that your child's planner and reading book are in school every day.

Water and snack

It is crucial that every child arrives at school with fresh water in a named/labelled bottle as well as a healthy snack for break time.

ClassDojo

We will use Class do jo to communicate with you and to share the children's learning. Please let us know if you still need to connect on this service and we will be able to give you a code.

Autumn term 1: Friday 3rd September – Friday 22nd October

English

This term the children will be writing a biography and a famous Egyptian pharaoh as well as writing Egyptian themed poetry. We will also begin daily whole class reading sessions where the children will participate in a range of reading activities independently and in groups. Both classes will also enjoy a reading for pleasure book in their classroom for 10 minutes a day.

Maths

The first part of this term will be spent focussing on **place value** (understanding the value of numbers) before moving onto **addition and subtraction**. Each day we will participate in 5-10 minutes of mental arithmetic practise and continue to use TT rockstars to support times tables recall.

Science

This term we will be discussing the human life cycle and discuss how the body changes over time.

Physical Education

The children will be participating in football during PE this term. Please ensure that the children have suitable and correct PE kit for this including appropriate footwear. At the end of this term the children will compete in an inter-house football competition within their house teams to showcase their learning.

Art and Design

History

During our pharaohs topic this term, the children will learn where in history the ancient Egyptian era happened. We will also study the social hierarchy of ancient Egypt and learn about some famous pharaohs including Tutankhamun.



Computing

The children will review their coding skills from Year 4 and learn how to design and edit a set of instructions called algorithms. This will all be access via Purplemash.