

Curriculum News - Year 5 Summer Term

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Information:

P.E is on a Wednesday Your child has been provided with a P.E kit which is kept at school and washed regularly. Please inform school if you wish to wash the P.E kit yourself. Swimming is on a Thursday and children are required to bring a full swimming kit including towel.

Our topic question for this term is "What did the Ancient Egyptians do for us?"

English

In English we will be learning to write non chronological reports about the pyramids, using facts and figures to inform and technical vocabulary to educate the reader. Then we will be looking at diaries, using emotive vocabulary and first person, imagining we are the first person to open the tomb after all these years.

Maths:

In maths, we will look at area of compound and composite shapes, before moving onto fractions, decimals and percentages. We will revise equivalent fractions from year 4 and move onto examining mixed number and improper fractions. We will compare and order fractions that are smaller/greater than 1, add and subtract fractions. When we have completed fractions we will look at decimals up to 2 decimal places, decimals as fractions and ordering/comparing decimals, before moving on to percentages.

Science

In science we will be learning all about the Earth, moon and sun, including how night and day are created and how the months and years work. We will be able to learn all about how the Ancient Egyptians explained night and day and their mythology surrounding the gods of the sun and moon.

ICT

We will be entering data and formulae into spreadsheets. We will add, edit, calculate and order data in spreadsheets. We will use spreadsheets to solve problems and to arrange a budget.

FIVER CHALLENGE

Year 5 are taking part in the fiver challenge again this year. This is an enterprise project which sees each child being given £5 with the expectation that a profit will be returned from this. The children will work in teams to generate ideas for making a profit, plan an event and hopefully make some money!

Topic:

In order to answer our topic question 'What did the Ancient Egyptians do for us?', we will be learning all about Ancient Egypt, when and where it was, who was involved and what we know about it today. We will be going on a journey back in time to learn all about their rituals and beliefs, the importance of the afterlife and the mummification process. We will read extracts of Howard Carter's diary and try to imagine how it must have felt to uncover the tomb of Tutankhamun, then have a go at writing our own diary entries. We may have some Halloween mummies prowling around.

Ways you can help at home/ homework:

- Please help your child to learn the multiplication and related division facts, as these skills are key to number work.
- Year 5 will be focussing on the statutory spelling list for year 5, there are some very tricky words on here and any support you can offer your child in terms of using these words and helping them to spell them will be greatly appreciated.
- Now is a great time to get your child an analogue watch (available for £5 in most big supermarkets). It really helps them to become more fluent in telling the time, an essential maths skill in Year 5