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Year 5

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely, restful Easter holiday. The children worked so hard last term and I hope they are looking forward to all the exciting things we have planned for the term ahead. Starting back this week, we have talked about the need to settle back to our routine, be focused and positive and have high expectations of ourselves, building on where we are, to prepare them for Year 6.

English

This term, we will be writing recount stories set in the past tense. We will be using our topic 'Ancient Egypt' as a stimulus for our writing. We will also be writing newspaper reports on the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. We will have a poetry focus looking at sonnets and other syllabic poems and be reading the book 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. In our writing, we will be recapping the grammar taught so far this year including relative clauses, paragraph cohesion and perfect form of verbs. We will be continuing to use a variety of punctuation including brackets, dashes, commas, colons and semi-colons.

This term we will also be preparing for our visit to the states chamber. We will be looking at persuasive writing techniques, deciding on an issue to debate, preparing our speeches and rehearsing it. The visit is the afternoon of June 10th and you are welcome to come and watch.

Maths

In Maths we will be focusing on the following units this term: decimals, geometry (property of shape), geometry (position and direction) and measure (converting units).

In measure, we will be focusing on Kilometres, Kilograms, Millimetres and Millilitres, Metric and Imperial units. If you would like to support with this learning at home, you can do so by giving your child practical tasks when cooking (including converting between grams and kilograms etc) or by asking them to measure in a variety of units (and carry out conversions). We will also be revising the learning from the previous two terms.

Computing

In Computing this term, we will be programming using J2Easy. We will be designing, making and testing quizzes and 'connecting crumbles' and testing outputs and controlling conditions.

Other Subjects

Our topics in Science this term are 'Living things and their habitats' and 'Animals, including Humans'.

In 'Living things and their habitats', we will be learning about the process of reproduction and the life cycles of plants, mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. We will look at different methods of pollination and recap the different parts of a flower. We will also find out about Jane Goodall and her work with chimpanzees in Africa.

In 'Animals including humans', we will learn about the life cycle of a human being, the development of babies and compare the gestation periods of humans and other animals. We will learn about the changes experienced during puberty and why these occur. This unit forms the first part of the pupils Sex Education work. Further work will be done on this

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in Year 6. I will be sending out a letter with more information closer to the time that this will take place. This will also link into our work in PHSE which will focus on relationships and changes/ growing up.

For this term, PE will be on **Wednesday and Thursday**. On 14th June, the class will also have a Swim Safe session at Greve do Lecq. (More details to follow)

In RE this term, children will be learning about what the Gospels teach Christians about what Jesus did and we will also be learning about how Christian and humanist views help people make moral choices.

Our History unit this term is 'Ancient Egypt. We will be learning about the early civilization and placing it into its wider historical context of time and place. We will spend time looking at some of the most famous Egyptian pharaohs, gods, discoveries, about mummification and Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs. We will be looking at the importance of trade and the significance of the River Nile. We will also compare Egyptian society to the African Kingdom of Benin.

In Geography, we will be further exploring maps available to geographers and link this learning to our visit to St Aubin's Fort and our work on Egypt and the Nile. We will practise using the eight compass points to give directions and giving/using 6 figure grid references to locate places on a map.

Homework

Reading - Please continue to encourage your child to read for at least 15 minutes each night to support and develop their reading skills and sign their reading record. Discussing with children their predictions, clarifying, and exploring unfamiliar vocabulary, helping develop their reading fluency, but listening to them read aloud, and talking about the author's choice and use of language and punctuation features are all things that will help your child's work in the curriculum. Furthermore, just reading to them and ensuring they hear a wide range of stories has great benefit – they're never too old!
Please ensure their reading record books come back to school every day.

Spellings will continue to be set weekly and tested on Thursdays. Please ensure your child does practise at least three times a week in their book and encourage them to check they have their book with them on the appropriate day. (They have to be organised for secondary and need to start now!)

Times Tables – it is essential that by the end of Year 5, children can recall all their times tables up to 12x12. It is really important children continue to practise the set times table rock star sessions. This has really tailed off lately and it is evident when they are working in class that they are not sufficiently fluent in them.

Additional Information

Residential Trip – St Aubin's Fort – 19th – 21st June (2 night residential) More details will follow nearer the time.

Swim safe - 14th June

States Chamber visit 10th June pm (Parents welcome to the viewing gallery to watch)

Safety in Action trip – Tuesday 16th July

As it is the summer term, please ensure your child has a water bottle, sun hat and sun cream where appropriate.

If you have any queries throughout the term, please do not hesitate to get in touch or catch me at the end of the day! I am looking forward to speaking with you again later in the term at Parent Consultations. How can Year 5 nearly be over!

Kind regards,

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