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Year 5

Dear Parents,

Thank-you so much for the kind gifts and flowers last term. I'm very much looking forwards to getting back to normal. I hope you all had a lovely, restful Easter holiday and that the children feel refreshed and ready for 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, really stepping up now to prepare for Year 6.

English

This term, we will start by completing our reading and written work on Kensuke's Kingdom, writing an additional chapter to the book. We will be writing recount stories set in the past tense based on the book "The Day of Ahmed's Secret." 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 will 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.

Mathematics

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, especially work on fractions, negative numbers and the four main operations.

PSHE

In PSHE we reflect on keeping safe and how to respond in emergency situations. The children will look at changes in their life that will occur physically as they approach puberty, and how this may affect them physically and emotionally. They will look at other transitions and how they may respond and experience loss and grief and will reflect on this and their relationships with others. They will look at relationships generally and the importance of expecting and giving respect and understanding positive relationships. They will also look at money and will discuss relationships and experiences with money.

Other Subjects

Our topics in Science this term are 'Animals, including Humans' and 'Changing Oceans.' 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 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 PSHE which will focus on relationships and changes/ growing up. In 'Changing Oceans', we will explore how oceans affect and are affected by natural processes and human activity, including currents, climate, pollution,

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and conservation, looking at why oceans are important to the planet and how people can protect marine environments for the future.

In Computing this term, we will be developing our coding skills further and writing programs using crumbles, that control physical apparatus, which will link to our D/T making fairground rides.

For this term, **PE will be on Tuesday and Thursday**. On 22nd June, the class will also have a Swim Safe session at Greve de Lecq.

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. Weekly music lessons will take place on a Friday and our Art this term will explore 3D modelling.

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 Friday** to be checked.

Spellings will continue to be set weekly and tested on **Fridays**. 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 must 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 – Key Dates

Residential Trip – St Aubin's Fort – 15-17th June (2 night residential) More details will follow nearer the time.

Swim safe - 22nd June

Safety in Action trip – Tuesday 14th 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. I am looking forward to speaking with you again later in the term at Parent Consultations. How can we be in the last term of Year 5 already!

Kind regards,

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