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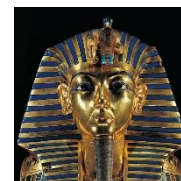
Autumn Term 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a fantastic summer break and the children are refreshed and ready to learn.

Learning journey

We start this term's work with our Exploring Egypt learning journey. We will become Egyptologists and learn all about Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb, then we will delve deeper into what life was like in Ancient Egypt. For more details visit the school website where you will find an overview for the year for all subjects.



English

This year our focus in writing is to develop the children's understanding of writing for purpose. This half term we will be focusing on writing to inform. Our taught lessons will be linked to our topic work; the children will also have the opportunity to take part in some free writing sessions during which they are able to choose their own topic to write about. Reading is very important and we expect all children to read frequently with an adult at home. We fully appreciate that most children enjoy reading on their own but the conversation you can have with your child during and after they have read can dramatically improve their understanding of the book and sometimes heighten their interest. Children should record all the reading they do in their reading record. Please ensure this comes to school every day.



Maths

Please support your child in ensuring that they are fluent with their times tables as this is an integral part of Maths. It is important that these facts are practised, learnt and retained (2x-12x). If your child is already confident with tables, move onto recalling division facts.



PE

Our PE sessions this term will take place twice a week. Once on a Wednesday when the children will be taking part in swimming lessons at The Arena swimming pool. We will walk to and from the swimming pool, therefore please ensure that children have a coat in school in case of rain. Children will need to bring a swimming kit with them to school on Wednesdays - this should include a swimming costume/shorts and a towel.



Swimming goggles are also highly recommended by the swimming instructors at The Arena and all long hair should be tied back. Swimming hats are recommended but not compulsory. Our other PE session will be on a Thursday afternoon and this half term we are very lucky to have Mrs Barlow - a PE specialist teacher - working with Lime Class. The children will be taking part in tag rugby for this session. Please pack activity and weather appropriate clothing including trainers or plimsolls. PE kits do need to be in school all week in case plans change.

Homework

Weekly homework will be set on a Friday and should be returned on the following Wednesday (unless stated otherwise). Initially there will be maths and writing/topic and reading homework each week. The homework will always be linked to learning from that week so it is essential that every child completes it and a good effort is made to complete it to a high standard. For many children, homework is a good stepping stone in preparation for secondary school. In addition to the set homework each week, children are encouraged to practice their tables using Times Table Rockstars.

Essentials in Lime class

Please bring to school -

- A named water bottle
- A waterproof coat
- A fruit snack for break time
- Book bag or small rucksack containing reading book and reading record
- PE kit to remain in school for the week
- A small pencil case (needs to fit in their drawer) can be brought to school if you have given your child permission.
- Please also ensure that ALL uniform and PE kit is named.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Kind Regards

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