

Year 5/6 Newsletter

January 2018

Dear Parents

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and are ready for the New Year ahead!

Our Egyptian topic last term was a great success producing some fantastic work across the curriculum and the children amazed us with the creativity of their homework and their enthusiasm to discover more about this area of the past. In a busy term, with an extremely exciting finish, the children did really well to keep working hard all the way to the Christmas Holiday and continue to make us proud with their attitudes towards their own learning.

Topics

Our first topic of the New Year is "Are all medicines marvellous?" in which we will be learning all about the history of medicine and how they work on the human body, as well as exploring some of the negatives of medicines. We will be using this topic to continue to develop the key areas of Literacy, Numeracy, ICT and RE. Throughout this topic, we will be reading 'George's Marvellous Medicine' by Roald Dahl. If you have your own copy, you are more than welcome to bring this in to read alongside the class. Please make sure your book has your name in.

Reading and Homework

Please ensure that your child is reading at home as often as possible (ideally every day!). As usual, they will be issued with school reading books and should also be encouraged to read other material available to them at home, including newspapers, information texts, etc. Please encourage your child to ensure they have their reading book in school every day.

All of the children have been issued with a new home/school diary. This diary can be used to communicate with us as well as providing you with information about what your child is currently doing in school. It will also tell you what your child's current targets are. Please ensure you check your child's diary regularly and sign it each week. As with reading books, please encourage them to make sure they have it in school everyday!

We have sent home a copy of the term's homework expectations with your child. There is an overall project, as well as some basic skills for your children to complete. Please ensure this is handed in on the given date. The children need to become more independent in ensuring their homework is completed but please feel free to support them as needed. If children are unsure of their homework task, please encourage them to speak to their class teacher in advance of the hand in date to avoid children not being able to complete homework tasks.

Y6 - We will be starting to send home some more regular homework to complete as short activities for maths, reading and SPaG. These are revision activities and if your child is struggling to complete them, please encourage them to ask their class teacher for assistance before the hand in date.

Equipment

Please ensure that your child has the correct equipment with them at school. PE kits should be in school at **all times** with all items of clothing clearly labelled. Y5/6 will have PE on a Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning. May we remind you that this consists of a **plain white t-shirt, blue shorts/skirt, plimsolls or trainers**. A plain dark tracksuit may be worn for outdoor lessons. Earrings must be removed and children must be able to do this themselves. The children may also bring a bottle of water with them to school and we would really encourage all children to do so - this can really boost their brain power! Please make sure this is in a labelled bottle and that your child brings it home to be washed and refilled each day.

Masses

We will be holding class masses to celebrate the work covered in our RE syllabus. All are welcome to attend the class masses!

Miss Mannion and Mrs Gooden's class mass will be held on Tuesday 30th January at 9am.

Y5 Swimming

As you know, the children in Year 5 have the opportunity to swim at West Park Leisure Centre. These sessions will be led by Mrs Taylor on a Tuesday afternoon. The children have already been split into two groups and swim for 3 half-terms each. Therefore, group two will be starting their swimming sessions after February half term. More details for this will follow.

We hope that you have found this newsletter useful and have learnt a little about what your child will be doing over the coming term. If you do have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact us at school - we are always available on the playground at the end of the day!

Yours sincerely

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