

A warm welcome to Year 5 and the Autumn term. It has been wonderful to work with the children over these first two weeks; they are a super group of children. In these early days, we have been concentrating on establishing routines, building positive relationships, and giving time to reflect on being back at school and together as a whole class. The children have also completed skill checks for English and Maths, which will help to ensure the work set for them is pitched at the right level. We have also enjoyed an art week in school with the children producing incredible Self-Impressionism pieces of artwork on The Starry Night and The Sunflowers - some sketches were uploaded to the school twitter page and the finished products will be displayed on our Art display in class. Next week we will move towards our normal timetable with the subjects and skills we are teaching building over the half term as and when the children are ready.



RE

Our first topic is all about family. Each person is made in the image and likeness of God. To know ourselves and to appreciate that our value and uniqueness is central to our wellbeing. Key pieces of scripture we will be looking at are: Colossians 3:10-17, Genesis 1:26-28 and Philippians 4:4-9. We will be thinking about the following questions: Who am I? What makes me unique? Where do I come from?

English

During these first few weeks, we have a whole school topic on being global caretakers, thinking about how we can make a difference to the world we live in. Our class will be focusing on the issues that have been taking place in Syria over the years, and the relevance it has to us (refugees). During this time, we will be preparing and writing formal letters, creating stories based on our class novel and writing poems about climate change.

As we move onto our Egypt topic, the children will be writing instructions, stories, travel guides and more. We will have a big focus on spelling, punctuation, and grammar as always.

Reading



Children are expected to bring reading book and reading record into school every day.

It is important children are reading every day at home and that all children read aloud regularly to an adult. Even the most fluent readers benefit from the experience of sharing stories and information with others. Please can parents/carers sign to confirm reading.

Maths

In maths, we will continue to develop and strengthen our mental arithmetic and reasoning skills across all operations. We will focus this term on place value, addition & subtraction, statistics, multiplication & division and measurement. Children should also continue to practice their Times Tables regularly. The ability to recall multiples helps children across a range of mathematical concepts. In addition, overall confidence flourishes. To support this in school, we will practice arithmetic skills daily.



Science

Science this term will be with Mrs Sawdon. Over the next few weeks, you will compare different life cycles and learn about the functions of parts of plants, including those involved in reproduction.

Topic

This term, we will develop key skills in geography and history as we learn what life was like in ancient Egypt. We will read a rich variety of texts which will inform, entertain, and excite as we learn about key figures in history and traditional tales from ancient Egypt. The children will learn about the physical and human geography of Egypt and the importance of the River Nile in daily life then and now. They will become experts in mummification and learn about the beliefs and religion of the period as well as use a range of sources as evidence.

Not forgetting... French starts in the next few weeks in which you will be revisiting year 4 learning including the alphabet and spelling, looking at places in locality and doing some directional work. French lessons this term will be with the year 3 teacher, Miss Drumm.

PE



In PE, the children will be improving their fitness range of team games lead by MFC, as well as another lesson per week on gymnastics. As the term progresses, we will develop our dancing skills. This term PE will be on Thursdays and Fridays. Children need to leave their PE kit in school every day: PE kit should be a plain white T-shirt, black/blue shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers/plimsols (tracksuit tops are useful if the weather is cold).

Computing

This term, the children will be developing computer skills that allow them to be able to:

- Use coding to create online games
- Use publishing skills to create E Safety posters.
- Develop research skills to support learning across the curriculum.

Homework

Homework will be **posted on the Google Classroom each Friday to be completed by the following Friday.** It will include:

- Spellings to learn for a test in school the following Friday
- A set of maths questions
- A set of grammar and punctuation questions

Answers will be posted too for self/parent marking. Our homework will concentrate on building confidence and extending ability across key curriculum areas. Children may also be asked to complete tasks on ixl.com.

Meet the Team:



Mr Manders



Mrs Farley



Mrs Sawdon

Here to help!

Please contact us at school (by phone or email) if you have any questions or concerns.

