

Year 5 and 6 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome back to a new school year!

Our topic this term is Tomb Raiders! We will be learning all about Ancient Egypt and the children are really excited to find out about this fascinating civilisation. As well as investigating the rich history of the Egyptians, we will also be learning about the Geography of Egypt.

English

We will be continuing to use the Power of Reading for our English work this year as well as some topic-linked writing and Read Write Inc. We are starting with Clockwork, a fantastic spooky story by Philip Pullman.

Word of the Day

Each day we will be focusing on a word taken from the year 5 and 6 statutory word list; we will be learning the spelling and meaning of these words as well as using them in context in our writing. Each Friday, these words (usually five) will be sent home to learn for a test the following Friday. I will also include other spellings from our spelling sessions.

Reading

We will be continuing with Reading Pro this year. Soon, the children will take another test to get their lexile level. Once this test has been done, I will ensure the children are reading a book at the correct level for both their fluency and comprehension. I have told the children that each Monday morning I would like them to put their current reading book and yellow record on my desk so that I can keep track of their reading. They should write the date and name of the book in their record when they begin and when they finish - some children like to write in every time they read which is fine but not necessary. I always value comments from parents in reading records.

Maths

As always, we will be having a big push on times tables as these are key in year 5 and 6. We will be continuing with Big Maths and I will send the times table 'learn-it' sheets home weekly. I will also be testing times tables monthly. The more you can do at home on these, the more accelerated your child's learning will be.



Science

We will begin by learning about plants. Mr Russell (from Cartmel Priory School) will be visiting at least termly to do Science with the children.

Young Voices

We have already begun practise for Young Voices. I will be running a Young Voices club which I would be pleased if as many children as possible could attend.

Art and DT

This term, we will be creating sarcophaguses for our mummified carrots! I'm sure your child will tell you all about this exciting topic.

Homework

Apart from spellings, which will be sent out on Fridays, talking, grammar and maths homework will be sent home on Tuesdays to be handed in on Mondays. Please can children complete their homework in pencil and their best handwriting.

Show and Tell

I am always keen to allow children the opportunity to share something exciting that they have done. This term, I will have a slot for show and tell on a Wednesday afternoon; unfortunately (as the timetable is tight) if the children bring something in another day, I will ask them to wait until Wednesday. Thank you for your understanding.

Things you can do at home to help your child:

- Encourage your child to read every night and listen to them read as often as possible. Your child will also benefit from you reading to them.
- Practise times tables.
- Learn spellings that are sent home.

I am looking forward to a great year!

Mrs Curwen

