



Year 5 Newsletter

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Happy New Year everyone - especially to those parents we haven't seen yet since the start of the week. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas, though we're now at the start of a busy spring term, with lots to do and we really want to push on in helping your children to get the most out of Year 5. We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas concert and thank you for your support at the Enterprise event and with the Christmas raffle. The children enjoyed making gifts for the Enterprise event and we look forward to hosting more of these.

Our new topic is entitled Pharaohs. This week, if your child shared this activity with you, we began the topic by looking at the process of mummification. The children were intrigued...and a little disgusted, at the same time, at learning how the Ancient Egyptians chose to mummify the bodies of their relatives thousands of years ago. Much more enjoyable to them, was the activity where they carried out the process. It's safe to say there were bandages (toilet rolls) everywhere around the classrooms!

Due to the packed schedule, we are limited as to the amount of activities we can do during this topic, but we aim to answer all of the children's enquiries and questions, especially as they are already keen to learn about the secrets of the tombs, Pharaohs and many other artefacts from Ancient Egypt. We look forward to sharing the learning from this topic at the end of the half term.

Thank you for supporting the home learning tasks we have sent out so far. These will continue this half term and really help to support your child's reading and spelling. Activities like practising times tables or telling the time are also very beneficial. Class Dojo is becoming a popular reward system in class, where the children earn points for displaying their core values, the High Five school rules or one of the learning skills we work on (some of these being resilience, teamwork and thinking skills, such as in our P4C lessons). We thank those of you who have signed up to follow your child's reward progress and invite any parents who haven't, to sign up.

Our weekly swimming lessons at the Leisure Centre are already into the final half term, in fact there are only five lessons left. Please ensure your child has their kit for each of the remaining sessions (illness permitting), so that they can work towards completing either their Deep Water Confidence, to be able to swim up at the deep end. For those who already have this award, these children will be working on their Personal Survival award.

We are busy planning our main educational visit of the year, which, like last year, will take place at the beginning of one of our topics. When we have the information, we will pass it on to you.

As always, if you have any questions, queries or concerns, please speak to us on a morning, or call in after school and we will answer them for you.

Many thanks for your support,

Mr Williams and Mrs Clegg