

# Y5 Information for Parents

Spring Term 2019

## General Information

Class 5Y – Miss Young

Class 5W – Miss Warwick

We are continuing this term with a topic-based approach to our curriculum at Fairfields. Our topic is entitled 'Discoveries'. Please find attached a mind map of the different subjects and how they link with this topic.

Your child will continue to receive regular homework as they did last year. The children are asked to read at home weekly, practise their spellings, complete the maths workbook page and learn tables as appropriate. This homework is set on Friday and will be due in on Wednesday. Spellings are tested on Wednesday too. There are also half termly sets of topic and reading challenges.

We will be visiting Highclere Castle on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February (which is the first day back after the half term holiday) to see the Tutankhamun exhibition and join in an Egyptian workshop.

## Reading

Each day, the children continue to participate in guided reading. We undertake a range of different activities such as predicting, interpreting language used and answering comprehension questions. One of the year 5 objectives is to read a range of books, including myths, legends, fiction from the past and other cultures so please could you make sure that your child records what they read at home in their homework book so we can track their breadth of reading.

## Mathematics

During our mathematics sessions, the children will work on mental and written strategies for calculations. We will use these strategies to solve real life problems. We will also work on statistics, measurement and geometry. The curriculum has an emphasis on reasoning so children need to be able to explain their work. You could help us with this aim by asking the question 'Why?' while they are doing mathematical activities at home. The children are encouraged to use Mathletics at home (see below). They can also practise their times tables on TT Rockstars.

Please contact us if you have any queries about the curriculum. If you would like additional activities for the children to undertake at home, we have a number of subscriptions that your children can access.

[www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)

Location of maths games

[www.ttrockstars.com](http://www.ttrockstars.com)

This provides an excellent opportunity to practise times tables.

[www.mathletics.co.uk](http://www.mathletics.co.uk)

Curricular mathematics activities are available on this site which is used by years 5 and 6.

[www.spag.com](http://www.spag.com)

We have a new subscription to this site and children will be given login details.

Yours sincerely

The year 5 team