

Hello there!

We hope you had an amazing summer and enjoyed your time with your family.

This year, we have a fantastic Year 5 curriculum, full of exciting learning opportunities for your children. We will be exploring topics such as Ancient Egypt, Ancient Greece, Space and deserts which we are sure that your children will enjoy. In addition to this, your children will have the opportunity to take part in Into University workshops and Bike Ability cycle training.

This half term, our topic will focus around 'Ancient Egypt'. The children will have the opportunity to experience mummification, taking on the role of Howard Carter and exploring Tutankhamun's tomb. We will also be visiting Leeds City Museum to examine the Ancient Egyptian exhibit and its artefacts.

### **English**

This half term, our class novel is 'Secrets of a Sun King' by Emma Carroll. We will be using the Super 6 reading skills to explore the text in detail and answer different styles of questions relating to these. Children will also have opportunities to read parts of the text out loud to develop fluency and expression.

In our writing lessons this half term, we will be creating diaries from the perspective of an Ancient Egyptian slave and pharaoh. The grammar features we will be learning to incorporate in our writing will be semi-colons, relative clauses, cohesion between paragraphs and parenthesis. We will also write a setting description inspired by the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb by Howard Carter.

### **Maths**

This year, we will be using the White Rose Maths scheme to support the delivery of our maths lessons. In this half term, the children will cover roman numerals, place value, rounding numbers, number patterns and addition and subtraction in numbers to 1,000,000.

### **Reading:**

All children will have their own reading book chosen at their reading level. We would like you to send your child to school each day with it, along with their reading record. The children will also get to choose a different book from our library to read for pleasure. Please take good care of all books sent home.

***Please can you make sure that you sign your child's reading record at least 3 times a week in order to have their book changed.***

### **PE:**

Sir Mo Farah Class: Outdoor PE is on Monday and indoor PE sessions will be on Thursday.  
Marcus Rashford Class: Outdoor PE is on Thursday and indoor PE sessions will be on Monday.

***On their outdoor PE day, children can bring a pair of their own jogging bottoms and long sleeve top if they wish as the weather gets colder; we understand outdoor PE sessions can get chilly in shorts!***

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to speak to us on the door any evening or ring the office and we will phone back as soon as we can.

Many thanks,

The Year 5 Team

**Important Dates:**

- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Leeds City Museum visit in the morning.
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - Teacher Training Day- School closed to all pupils.
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023- School closes to pupils for the holidays.
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 - School opens to pupils for the start of the new half term.

**You can help by:**

Encouraging your child to spend time at home practising their times tables on TT Rockstars and revisiting and challenging themselves on topics we have been learning in class on My Maths or Top Marks.

Listening to your child read and share stories with them, as well as asking questions about the book. Encourage your child to make predictions about what might happen in a book using evidence from the text to justify their ideas. Their 6 main reading skills to focus on are monitor, infer, wonder, visualise, summarise and connect. You could use these skills when reading with them.

Helping your child to complete their weekly homework. This homework is always based on current or upcoming learning and skills.

Encouraging and supporting your child to practise their spellings set personally for them on Spelling Shed each week. There are interactive fun games made on there to help support your child in doing so.