

Hello!

Welcome back to school after the summer break! We hope you all had a restful break and we are looking forward to sharing what we have planned for your children over the course of their first half term in Year 5.

Our first topic this half term will be 'Ancient Egypt' and we will be reading 'Secrets of a Sun King' by Emma Carroll. We will be focusing on the discovery of the 'Valley of the Kings' in our history lessons and learning about past pharaohs, such as Tutankhamun. We will also be visiting the Leeds City Museum to handle Ancient Egyptian artefacts and visit their exhibition. If you would like to go in your own time, entry to the museum is free.

Writing:

In English, Year 5 are writing their own warning stories. We are focusing on building suspense and describing characters' choices that lead to exciting consequences.

Maths

In maths, we will begin to recap our knowledge of Roman Numerals, as well as focusing on Place Value and the four operations. Please continue to practise times tables with your child at home.

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 planner. The children will also get to choose a pleasure read from our class library each week. Please take good care of all books sent home.

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

Uniform

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform, including school shoes or trainers that are completely black. On PE days, pupils must have an all-black PE kit, however on these days they can wear any colour trainers they wish. At the moment, the weather is very unpredictable so please ensure your child will be warm enough.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to speak to us on the door after school or ring the office and we will phone back as soon as possible; you can also message us on Class Dojo and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Many thanks,

The Year 5 Team

Important Dates:

- TBC- Trip to Leeds city museum
- 20th / 21st October - Parents Evening
- Friday 24th October- School closes to pupils for the holidays
- Monday 3rd November 2024 - School opens to pupils for the start of the new half term



You can help by:

- 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.
- Helping your child to complete their weekly homework. This homework is always based on current or upcoming learning and skills. Please also help your child to remember to charge their Chromebook every evening and bring it to school every day.

Thank you for all your help and support, we really appreciate it.

