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Termly Learning Letter - 5/6

Dear Everyone,

We hope you have all had a good Christmas holiday and thank you for the many kind gifts and thoughts we received at the end of last term. Your generosity is much appreciated. This term will see the more formal parents' evenings take place with your child's class teacher, and you will be notified when the appointment slots are ready to sign up.

This letter is intended to inform you of our learning for this coming term, and provide you with some other information and dates that may be useful to you, but as ever, if you have any questions about your child's learning or progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

This term we will be learning about:

English	Grammar, punctuation and spelling. Reading and writing through a range of genres: Macbeth; non-fiction leaflet; poetry; narrative; balanced argument; letters
Maths	Covering the National Curriculum objectives for Y5/6 through: Number-place value, addition & subtraction, multiplication & division, fractions; Measurement; Geometry; Statistics.
Science	Properties and Changes of materials
Computing	Research linked to topics, Scratch programming, internet safety
History	Ancient Egypt
Geography	Modern Egypt
Music	Singing, composing, using pulse, rhythm, ostinato and drone.
Art and Design	Individual and group tasks linked to history topic
Design & Technology	Levers and pulleys; design and making shadufs
Religious Education	Sikhism; Easter
Physical Education	Hockey; Gymnastics - Spinning and Turning ; Dance - creating a contemporary dance linked to Egyptian theme
Modern Foreign Languages	French vocabulary linked with self and family; writing and conversation
PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education)	P4C; Internet safety; financial awareness

Setting for Maths and English

As always, groupings for maths and English have been reviewed by the team, and, using end of term assessments and progress as seen in class, some changes have been made to ensure that each child is working within an appropriate set. Overall, planning will cover the same learning objectives in each group within the Year. The planning will be differentiated allowing teaching and learning to be focused on the needs of the children in each group.

It is important to emphasise that these groupings are not set in stone and will be constantly reviewed. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher at school.

Home Learning

As before, we will continue to send spellings home for the children to learn. We also encourage daily reading both at school and at home. Maths home learning will be set by the individual teacher and it is expected that the children practise their tables. One other set piece of home learning will either be linked to English or our topic for the term. This work will be completed in the Home Learning books which will be returned to school by the appropriate day. We thank you for your support and encouragement at home in ensuring that this work is completed to an acceptable standard.

PE Times - Reminder

Mr Phillips/Mrs Carey-Bartlett: Monday/Wednesday, Mrs Price:Monday/Wednesday. Mrs Barnes: Tuesday /Thursday, Mr Wenner: Tuesday/Thursday

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing school PE kit which is appropriate to the task (ie shorts for gymnastics or jogging bottoms and sweatshirt for outdoor activities) and that they will be warm enough throughout the day.

Snacks/Water

As you are aware, we encourage healthy snacks such as fruit. Your child will be able to eat their snack during morning break. Although we provide beakers for water, we still encourage children to bring in a bottle of water. It has been proven that keeping hydrated by drinking throughout the day improves concentration.

Dates for your diary

Parents' evenings

Tuesday 12th February

Wednesday 13th February

Class assemblies

Mr Phillips Friday 18th January

Mrs Price Friday 15th February

Mr Wenner Friday 1st March

Mrs Barnes Friday 8th March

All of the assemblies begin at about 9.10am when all of the children are settled in the hall.

KS2 orchestra trip: Friday 1st February

Thank you to all adult helpers who give up their time to work in class or help with trips, we really appreciate your assistance. If anyone would like to be involved in any of our activities this term, please contact your child's class teacher.

We hope that this letter has been helpful but please remember that we are happy to arrange an appointment to discuss any concerns you may have, either after school or at a more convenient time.

Yours sincerely,

Team 5/6 - Mrs Barnes, Mr Phillips/Mrs Carey-Bartlett, Mrs Price, Mr Wenner