



Year 5/6

2024 - 2025

AUTUMN TERM

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you had a lovely summer break and are looking forward to a new school year! We are going to be in our temporary room until we move into the new build 'The Reef' after the October half-term (all being well!), so you might need to bear with us until we are operating at full capacity and everything is back out of storage!

Project

Our project for this term is a history topic 'Ancient Egyptians'. We are going to be finding out about: their civilisation and compare it to Britain at the time; learn about Egyptologists; the rulers of Ancient Egypt, their dynasties, battles and burials; and the significance of Ancient Egyptian tombs and how their discoveries and helped us to learn about their lives.

Reading

We will have daily quiet reading sessions, so please make sure children have their diaries and books in their bags **every day**. Please, please, please wherever possible, read with your child everyday at home. It is the single thing which makes a MASSIVE difference to their confidence, achievement and ability to access learning in the classroom- even when they are in Year 5 and 6! We will be awarding certificates to the top two children who have the most reading recorded in their diary, or who have spent time writing a book review.

SMART

Please remember to make use of the SMART apps for which we pay the children's subscriptions. DoodleLearning has four separate apps: DoodleMaths, DoodleEnglish, DoodleSpell and DoodleTables. The children's DoodleLearning login is the same for all the apps, and they're all great to help fill any gaps. We will be celebrating children who are in the green zone on their DoodleLearning every Friday as an extra incentive to be SMART!

The children's Oddizzi login this year is thereof and the password is the same. They can also use TT Rockstars to practise their timetables too.

Swimming

We will all be swimming on Monday 9th September for an assessment and then any children not reaching the National Curriculum requirements will continue to swim until they reach the standard required for them to be safe.

SATS

Year 6 will be having their SATS from Monday 12th to Thursday 15th May 2025- absence will not be authorised so please do not book any holidays!

As always, if you ever have any concerns or worries, please contact me on Dojo or by email and we can arrange a meeting to sort things out, I would rather know sooner so we can find a solution to any problems.

Thank you,

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TERM: History THEME: Ancient Egyptians

KEY ENQUIRY QUESTION: Is tourism always a good thing?

VISIT:	Ancient Egyptian Workshop
English	Fiction: Tadeo Jones Concrete(shape) poetry Instructions Diary entry Plus, weekly spellings, class reading comprehension and daily grammar and punctuation.
Maths	Place value Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division Fractions Converting units
Religious Education	Christianity: What kind of king was Jesus? How can following God bring freedom and justice?
Science	1. Light 2. Electricity
Music	Music and Technology Developing Ensemble Skills
PSHE	1. Being Me in My World - Who am I and how do I fit? 2. Celebrating Difference - Respect for similarity and difference. Anti-bullying and being unique.
Art & Design	Textiles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gustav Klimt • Anni Albers
Computing	Networks, Computer Systems and Impact of Technology

PE	Fundamental Movement Skills - Hopping, jumping and running Egyptian Dance
Design Technology	Mechanical Systems: Shaduf Design, make and evaluate
P4C	Should we learn about the past? How does history affect who we are now?
Spirituality	Be self-aware and empathise with the experience of others in school and wider community.