



Autumn Term 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a good summer break and the children are refreshed and ready to learn.

### Learning Journey

We start this term's work with our Exploring Egypt learning journey. We will become Egyptologists and learn all about Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb, as well as delving deeper into what life was like in Ancient Egypt. For more details visit the school website where you will find an overview for the year for all subjects.



### English

This year our focus in writing is to continue to develop the children's understanding of writing for purpose. Additionally, we will be having a whole school focus on vocabulary and presentation of work - encouraging children to take pride in every piece of work.



This half term we will be focusing on writing to explain. Our taught lessons will be linked to our topic work; the children will also have the opportunity to take part in some free writing sessions during which they are able to choose their own topic to write about.

Reading is very important and we expect all children to read frequently at home. We fully appreciate that most children enjoy reading on their own but the conversation you can have with your child during and after they have read can dramatically improve their understanding of the book and sometimes heighten their interest. Children should record all the reading they do in their reading record. Please ensure this comes to school every day.

### Maths

Please support your child in ensuring that they are fluent with their times tables as this is an integral part of Maths. It is important that these facts are practised, learnt and retained (2x-12x). If your child is already confident with tables, move onto recalling division facts. As a school we have bought into some good programmes that they children can use at home to practice their maths skills. TTRockstars is a great resource from practicing times tables and Numbots is good for practicing general maths skills.



## PE

Our PE sessions this term will take place twice a week - Tuesdays and Fridays. Children should come to school in their PE kits on these days. This term, we will be going swimming on Fridays and it is important that children come to school 'swim-ready' (costume beneath their PE kit) so we can maximise our time in the swimming pool. If your child would like to bring goggles, please ensure that they have been adjusted at home and are ready to go! Please ensure that children have the correct PE kit and earrings **should not be worn to school** on PE days.

## Homework

Weekly homework will be set on a Thursday and should be uploaded onto Seesaw by the following Wednesday morning (unless stated otherwise). Initially there will be maths and writing/topic and reading homework each week. The homework will be linked to learning from that week so it is essential that every child attempts their homework and that a good effort is made to complete it to a high standard. For many children, homework is a good stepping stone in preparation for secondary school. In addition to the set homework each week, children are encouraged to practice their tables using Times Tables Rockstars.

## Essentials in Lime class

Please bring to school -

- A named water bottle
- A waterproof coat
- A fruit snack for break time
- Book bag or **small** rucksack containing reading book and reading record

The children have been provided with a small pencil case with all the essentials for their learning. This will be kept in school and they should not need to bring in any other pencil case from home.

## Trips in Year 5

### *Autumn 2 (November/December 2023) - Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium*

The expected cost of this trip (including coach travel, admission to the science centre, admission to the planetarium and a private workshop) is £20.

### *Spring 2 (March 2024) - Paultons Park*

The expected cost of this trip (including coach travel, admission to park and a private workshop) is £30.

### *Summer Term 2024*

Letters will be sent out regarding the residential trip in Year 6.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Kind Regards

Mr Jeffries