



Year 5 Summer Term News



Welcome back to the Summer Term. Our topics this term will be:

History and Geography: We are exploring Ancient Egypt. To support our topic work we will be visiting the British Museum to see the wonderful Egyptian Gallery and also attend a workshop. Our geography work will be focussing on map work. We will be looking at maps of Egypt and also of the local area at different points in history. As part of our geography learning we will be visiting Eltham Palace on the 4th and 6th of July.

Science: We are finishing our topic of forces and then focusing on Living Things - plants, animals and humans. This will include looking at life cycles and changes that occur in humans as they develop and mature. Our PHSCE work will be linked to this and will include elements of sex education. We will be sending a separate letter with more details and parents will have an opportunity to see the materials we will be using before this commences.

Art: We will be studying landscapes and how to create a vanishing point. This will be based on the scene of the 'Riverbank' from our literacy text, *The Wind in the Willows*. We will be exploring the use of different mediums, including pastels and watercolours.

Literacy: This term will see us developing skills as readers and writers. Children will explore a range of sentence structures and write with a voice. Sessions will include grammar practice in which they can apply to a range of forms as well as regular spelling practice. Our contexts for writing will include the use of the classic text, *The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame. We will be writing a range of genres, including fiction and non-fiction.

Numeracy: This term we aim to consolidate number work on the four operations. The children will continue to solve multi-step worded problems using a range of strategies. Children will also develop further knowledge of place value, percentages and fractions. To support our learning about Ancient Egypt, we will also be covering shape and space, ahead of our DT learning that will involve creating 3D structures. By the end of the year we expect all children to know times tables to 12x12 and appreciate your support in helping your child to learn these.

PE: Please ensure your child has the correct PE Kit (black shorts/white T shirt/trainers) in school during the week from Monday to Friday. Children will be developing their skills in tennis and athletics and will be learning to play rounders.

Home Learning: Please encourage your child to read independently daily (and record in their reading log); please take the time to read with them to encourage them. As children become fluent, independent readers, they need to extend the range of their reading material and develop their own critical views. They should also receive maths and spelling homework each week.

A project based on the Egyptians will be set the week before half term for the children to complete at home.

Visits: We have a very busy programme this term and we seek your financial support of £13 termly to help pay the costs of the visits. Please use our online payment system AGORA to make your payments. Otherwise, cheques should be made out to Deansfield Primary School. Invoices must be paid and we seek your support.

We have reorganised our visit to the British Museum, which was due on the Election Day. Revised details are as follows: Class 5H attend on 15th June and Class 5Q on 28th June. Visits to Eltham Palace will take place on 4th and 6th July.

Many thanks for your support, Mrs Quinton and Miss Hazlewood.