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TO LEARNING**

YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN TERM 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello and welcome back to the start of a new academic year! I couldn't be more delighted to have another year with your children. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday. Here is what Year 5 will be focusing on this half term.

Our first topic is '**Ancient Egypt**', which will be exciting, with plenty of opportunities for fun activities and cross-curricular learning.

For more details refer to the Topic wheel overleaf.

If you would like to share your skills or time with your child's class, please come and see me.

PE

Year 5 will continue with the Daily Mile run every morning. We will have swimming every Monday and PE every Friday. Please make sure that children bring in their swimming kit and PE kit for these days and that they are wearing suitable shoes for running.

Home Learning

All maths homework will continue to go out on Friday and I would like the children to bring their maths books in on Wednesday. I would also like to remind you that this year children should be mastering their times tables up to 12-12 x. Even though we practise times tables at school, I would like to ask for your support and daily practise. I would recommend the website – HIT THE BUTTON for the children to perfect their skills and speed: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

The children should also be reading for at least 20-30 minutes every night. Please encourage the children to continue to develop their reading habits as this will have a positive effect on their writing skills. Children should write about what they read in their reading journals. Make sure that the reading journals are brought in every day as we use them daily.

Each half term there will also be a topic based project to complete. This homework gives the children a chance to practise and perfect skills that they are learning in the classroom, and to further explore their class topic independently. Please encourage and support your children in working on these.

Parent coffee morning

The parent morning meeting will be on **Wednesday 19th September at 9.15**. This gives you the opportunity to see the classroom and ask any questions. Afterwards, there will be a chance to have a cup of tea or coffee with the Head teacher. If you are unable to attend at this time and you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to me and a suitable appointment can be made. Throughout the year you are very welcome to arrange a meeting in person or over the phone.

School Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform. Shoes should be dark, smart and closed toes. Earrings can be small studs only. If we think your child is wearing any jewellery or hair accessory which is inappropriate, this will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day.

Important dates for diary

- **17th September 2018** – Year 5 trip to Hobbs Farm, Kent (please letter for permission attached)
- **19th September 2018** – Year 5 Coffee morning
- **28th September 2018** – Harvest Assembly
- **18th October 2018** – Parent's evening

Yours sincerely,

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