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TO LEARNING**

YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello and welcome back to the start of a new academic year! 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 sheet attached.

If you would like to volunteer and share your skills or time with your child's class in reading, maths or gardening, or you have skills or a profession that would support us in science, history or computing, then please see me and we can arrange the time for you to visit.

PE

Year 5 will have tennis lessons every Monday and swimming every Tuesday. Please make sure that children bring in their swimming kit and PE kit for these days (Please see the uniform and PE kit information attached). As for the swimming lessons at Brixton Recreation Centre, we are looking for a parent volunteer to help us with the travel. If you are available, please let me or the office know. I really appreciate your support.

Home Learning

I would also like to remind you that this year children should be mastering their times tables up to 12x12. 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> or use the school mathematics website for practicing their maths skills (the pupils' passwords for mathematics, will be stuck at the back of their reading journals).

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 **Tuesday 17th 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 2019 – Year 5 Coffee morning

16th October 2019 – Parents' evening

Yours sincerely,

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