



THERE'S NO FULL STOP TO LEARNING

Year 5 Newsletter – Spring Term 1 (2025-2026)

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had an enjoyable break. Once again, we have an action-packed few weeks planned!

This term, our topic is Ancient Egypt. The children will be learning all about this fascinating civilisation, including some of the key figures from that time period. In Science, we will be exploring Earth and Space, which promises to be a very exciting topic. Please see the attached curriculum box for a detailed breakdown of what we will be covering across all subject areas.

In Maths, our focus will be on fractions and multiplication and division. In English, we will be learning more about Tutankhamun. Spellings will be given out on a Monday, with a spelling test taking place the following Monday.

We ask that you hear your child read aloud every day for around 15 minutes and that you continue to read to your child daily for as long as you like. Afterwards, please encourage them to complete an activity in their reading journal. We will look at these whenever children wish to share their work and during their guided reading day.

Please continue to practise times tables and number facts as often as possible. This really helps to keep them fresh in the children's minds so they can easily access them in lessons and tests. Games such as *Hit the Button* are excellent for developing speed and automaticity, so we encourage children to play for around ten minutes each day.

PE will continue to take place on Thursdays with Moving Matters. This half term, on Fridays, we will be swimming at Brixton Recreation Centre. Please ensure that:

- On Thursdays, your child comes to school in the correct PE kit.
- On Fridays, your child brings the correct swimming kit, including a swimming costume or shorts, goggles, a swimming hat, and a towel.

If your child comes to school wearing their swimming costume, please ensure they bring underwear to change into after the session.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Year 5 team