Year 5 Autumn Term Newsletter

Miss Lloyd, Mrs Bott and Mr Murdoch would like the opportunity to welcome everyone back after the summer holidays! We hope you all ready for what will be an exciting and busy year for the children. The children have come back with such a positive attitude and full of smiles! They seem very keen to learn and we cannot wait to get stuck in with our topic this term!

**Curriculum**

Our topic this term is ‘The Awesome Egyptians’. In English, we will be writing a variety of genres such as a non-chronological report about life in Ancient Egypt. We will also be writing our own adventure/mystery narrative in the first person. During reading lessons, we have begun studying the book ‘A Boy at the Back of the Class’. We have started to explore the front cover and first chapter this week and I am pleased to say that the children are already enthralled.

In Maths, we will begin by revisiting our knowledge of place value from Year 4 and extending our skills working with numbers up to 1 million. From there, we will move onto our addition and subtraction and multiplication and division units.

I am most excited about our history lessons, where we will find out about the achievements of the Ancient Egyptians. We’ll explore the importance of the River Nile, learn about tombs and pyramids, find out about hieroglyphics and discover lots of interesting information about gods, goddesses and afterlife beliefs.

Meanwhile, in Geography, our focus this term will be on locating countries and cities of the world.

In Science, our first topic is ‘Properties and Changes of Materials’ We will be investigating changes of state, reversible and irreversible changes and how to recover substances from a solution.

We will learn about three artists over the course of this year. In autumn term, we will be learning about Batik. Children will research Batik styles from around the world, experiment with colour and pattern to create their own designs on fabric. In DT, we will be thinking about seasonality of food around the world and in the UK and designing and making our own seasonal dish.

**PE**

* We are planning to have PE lessons on a Monday and Thursday this term.
* Pupils will need tracksuit bottoms, a sweatshirt, a plain t-shirt in their house colour and, trainers. Long hair should be tied back and earrings taken out or covered for PE. PE kits should be sent with your child on a Monday and we will send them home on a Friday.
* All children are expected to take part in PE and will be provided with a school-based PE kit if spares are available.

**Reading**

* Reading books will be changed each Monday.
* Please take the time to read with your child **3 times a week as a minimum,** and focus on their understanding of the text by asking questions.
* Reading books **must** be brought to school each day so we can listen to children read 1:1.

**Walking Home**

* Children in Year 5 are able to walk home with signed parental consent. If you feel your child is capable, confident and responsible enough to walk home alone then please request a consent form from our school office (if you have not already received one).
* Only children who have consent forms signed by a parent will be allowed to walk home unaccompanied.

**Uniform**

* Children should all come to school wearing: black or grey trousers/shorts/skirt/pinafore; a white polo shirt; a blue cardigan/sweatshirt; and plain black shoes.
* It has been great to see the children return to school looking so smart, but if there are any difficulties with providing uniform, please do let us know as we can support with this.
* Ensure all your child’s uniform (including coat and PE kit) is named! So many jumpers and cardigans go missing every school year.

**Please note…**

* Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school.
* Please make sure your child is at school on time! **Doors close at 8:45am.** Being late affects their attendance, leaves them feeling unsettled and also means they miss key learning opportunities.

Don’t forget to follow our Facebook page ‘King Street Primary – The Home of Active Ted’ to see what we have been doing in class.

Thank you again for your continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to the office or contact me on my email (t.lloyd300@kingstreet.durham.sch.uk).

Miss Lloyd