LKS2 Newsletter Summer Term 1 2021

The LKS2 Team This Year Are...

Class Teachers:
Mrs Barnes
Mr Berry
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Class Assistants:
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Mrs Bingham
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Key Dates To Remember This Term

Monday 19th April	Term 5 Starts
Monday 3rd May	May Day Holiday
Thursday 27th May	Egyptian Day Last Day of
Friday 28th May	INSET DAY

Here Comes The Summer!

We have to begin with a great big thank you to all of the effort put into our fabulous Home Learning - both children and parents. We have seen such dedication in the work sent in - well done! That said, it has been wonderful to have you all back in school! You have settled back in amazingly and it has been lovely to see such smiley faces and positive attitudes.

The children have continued to immerse themselves into the term's topic - *Misty Mountain Sierra* and have produced some fabulous mountain artwork out of clay. They also contributed to an amazing art display for the hall and corridors, using watercolours and ink. We have some very talented children!

A big well done to our Stars of the Week who continue to shine each week. Congratulations to all of the children who have now received their Silver certificates. We have also started to see our first flurry of Gold certificates. Remember to keep earning house points! Lots of children have also progressed in their 99 club each week - remember to keep practising on TT Rockstars.

A huge congratulation to our very well deserved half-termly achievers:

- Dahl - Deyaan
- Swindells - Rahi
- Stevenson - Florence



Our topic for this term is *Pharaohs!*

'Let's travel back 5000 years, to the dusty realms of ancient Egypt. Cruise along the Nile, entering a world of mysteries and curses, mummies and kings. Find out about life on the river's fertile banks, discovering Egypt and its fascinating culture. Unravel the secrets of ancient tombs, using historical sources and ancient artefacts. Find out about powerful pharaohs and grandiose gods. Make yourself a nemes and you'll really look the part. Become an apprentice and work for Ramose, the chief embalmer at the Beautiful House. Help him prepare a body for its journey into the afterlife. Now open the doorway to ancient Egypt. Who knows what treasures you will find?'

Notices

Please check the website for updates!

Reading

Please remember to sign your child's reading record when they have read at home each day. We expect **all** children to read at least 5 times a week and record this in their reading records with a suitable comment. These should come in daily to allow teachers to communicate with you. **Please do not bring in reading books from home.** We will provide books for your child to read in school. Please see the appropriate recommended reading list for suggested texts.

Homework

In Year 3 & Year 4, the children will receive Maths and English / Topic homework alternate weeks. This will all be online, either through Mathletics or through Seesaw.

Homework will be set on a Friday and is to be completed by the following Wednesday please. **Please submit all homework using Seesaw and do not bring it into school.**

Spellings

Spellings and spelling patterns will be taught in school. We will not be sending spellings home. If you wish to practice spellings with your child please refer to the Y3/4 common exception words which can be found in your child's reading record.

Times Tables

We will continue to do weekly 99 clubs in class. Remember to login to TTRockStars to practice your times tables!!

PE

Please ensure PE kits are worn to school on your child's PE days. Spare trainers can be kept in their lockers for break and lunchtimes. These will be particularly useful as we are now able to use the field at break and lunch.

PE days:

Dahl - Monday & Wednesday
Swindells- Wednesday & Friday
Stevenson - Wednesday & Friday

Here is an overview of what our classes will cover in the different areas of the curriculum this term.

Mathematics:



Maths will continue to be taught in year groups. 99 Club will take place on a Friday.

Year 3 will continue to develop their knowledge of fractions progressing onto equivalent fractions, adding, subtracting and ordering fractions then moving onto decimals. Our next topic is measurement, looking at time. We will be telling the time to the nearest minute, using the am and pm clock, interpreting the 24 hour clock and finding out durations. It would really help the children with their lessons at school if you regularly ask them the time at home. Thank you for your help.

Year 4 will begin the term continuing to look at decimals, seeing how they closely link to fractions. We will then be looking at the topic measurement and there will be a focus on money and time, building on their previous knowledge in Year 3 and supporting any gaps in their learning.

Science:



In Science we will focus on 'Sound'. We will think about what sound is and how we can identify and make different sounds. We will investigate the volume and pitch of sounds and also vibrations. We will also be finding out how the human ear works.

RE:

This term we will be looking at parts of the Gospels which tell the story of the life and teaching of Jesus. We will study the calling of the first disciples and how Christians today try to follow Jesus and be fishers of people. We will give examples of how Christians follow Jesus' teaching and the importance of showing love in the world today.

Music:

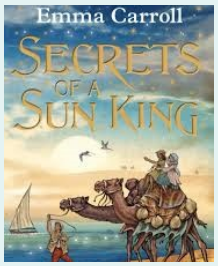
This term we will be watching a series of clips about how sound is made. We will be looking at the different instrument families and how the sound differs in these.

Spanish:



This term the children will be continuing to learn and recap using description including colours and likes and dislikes. They will be taught through speaking and listening games with some written work. This will be taught be Miss. Horner.

English: This term's English will be based around the book, 'Secrets of a Sun King' by Emma Carroll. This is an enthralling story about a girl who finds a mystery parcel sent by an Egyptologist. During this unit of work we will be looking at informal letters, non-chronological reports, story writing and newspaper reports.



The children will revisit learnt skills and continue to develop their reading comprehension, spelling, grammar and punctuation knowledge each week.

Art and DT:



Our Art and DT this term is all based around Ancient Egypt, we will be sketching artefacts and creating clay pots and Canopic Jars, after we've researched how they look and have designed our own.

PE:

This term the children will be take part in Gymnastics and Football. Children will work on their shapes, balances and rolls in Gymnastics and dribbling, passing, shooting and tackling in Football.

History/Geography:



In History we will be finding out how Ancient Egyptians lived, their class system and how they contributed to the world today. In Geography we will be looking at where Egypt is and how the River Nile plays an important role to the settlements there.

PSHE:

This terms PSHE will be looking at Being Healthy. We will be doing lots of work around the foods we eat, our mental health and exercise, as well as understanding the importance of why we need to be healthy in ourselves and our minds.

Computing:



This term, in Computing we will finally be allowed in the computer room! Wahoo! We will be developing our research skills and PowerPoint skills to produce a detailed report about Canopic Jars and their purpose. This will be taught be Mr. Berry.