



English: This half term we will focus on narrative and in particular story settings, using Pandora as our stimulus for writing.

Maths: Children will be learning about fractions, where they will be developing their understanding of what a fraction is, working with equivalent fractions, converting improper fractions to mixed numbers and vice versa and comparing and ordering fractions that are less than 1. We will then move on to formal short and long multiplication. They will also be consolidating their understanding of division and how to use the method of formal short division to divide numbers with up to 4-digits by a single digit number.

Design Technology: In design technology, we will be looking at structures, this will involve the children designing, making and evaluating structures

Geography: The children will be learning about different climate zones, following on from their work on Biomes in Year 4. They will look at world climate zones and then focus their learning on climate zones within the Americas.

History: We will be travelling back 5000 years to the dusty realms of Egypt and unravelling the secrets of ancient tombs, using historical sources and age-old artefacts. We will be finding out about the River Nile and discovering what life was like in ancient Egypt and its fascinating culture; in addition to the geography of Egypt.

USEFUL INFORMATION

PE: Outdoor PE takes place on a Monday for both classes. The children need to come to school dressed in their PE kit with their school uniform in their bags.

Indoor PE for both Darwin and Penn class will be on a Wednesday, the children can come to school as usual in their school uniform.

Library Day: All children in Year 5 will visit the library every week. Mrs. Humphries' class on a Friday and Miss. MacKenzies' class on a Tuesday. Please ensure library books are in school on this day to change.

SeeSaw: please ensure that you have connected to Class SeeSaw to receive messages and see pictures of your child's learning. Please see your child's teacher if you haven't connected.

Home learning

Reading

Reading regularly at home is crucial to ensuring children's progress as readers. Our expectation of reading in Year 5 is that the children read at least three times a week at home, for a minimum of one hour in total. It is important that your child's reading book and reading reflection come into school **every day**. The children need to use their reading reflection to keep a record of their reading. Each week there is a space for a 'reading reflection'. This needs to be completed and **handed in every Monday**. In this section the children can comment on aspects of the book such as character, setting and plot and things they are particularly enjoying. Reading diaries will be monitored weekly by Mrs. Humphries and Miss. MacKenzie.

Spelling: A spelling log will come home each night with your child. with their personalised spellings in it. The children will need to practise these spellings and although they will not be regularly tested on them, we will be looking for them using the correct spelling in their written work. We will be focusing on both particular spelling patterns and also the statutory Y5/6 words from the National Curriculum.

TT RockStars: The children all have a log in for TT RockStars, they are required to do this daily for 5 minutes.