



Our learning this term - is 'Walk Like an Egyptian'

English: This half term we will be using 'Voices in the Park' by Anthony Browne as a stimulus for our diary writing. The children will be using their understanding and knowledge of figurative language to bring their writing alive.

Maths: Children will be learning how to use formal short and long multiplication to multiply numbers with up to 4-digits by both 1 and 2-digit numbers. 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

Art: Our Art and Design work will focus on Van Gogh's paintings and in particular his famous painting 'Starry Night' The children will explore the brush strokes and techniques used and will then create a painting of their own in this style.

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 classes 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 MacKenzie's 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. Once they finish a book, they should then do a quiz on Accelerated Reader. All children have logins for this and it will be monitored by the class teacher. 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. 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.

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 the 'tricky' words in the back of the book. They will be regularly tested on them and 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. The children also now have logins for Bug Club (an online spelling resource) where they can play games to practise the spelling rules.

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