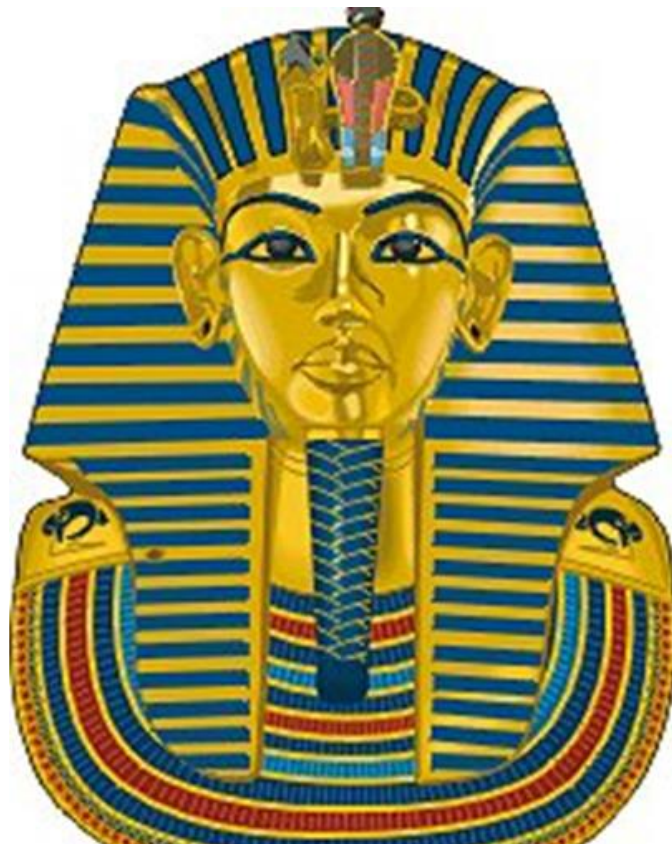


**Year Five**  
**Curriculum Newsletter**  
**Spring 1**



## **This half-term, Year 5 will be learning...**

### English

In English we will be starting a new class novel, *Kensuke's Kingdom*, by Michael Morpurgo. Each week we will read as a whole class and independently and then respond to the book through use of questions and various activities to develop the children's comprehension. We will also use the book to generate ideas for our writing.

### Mathematics

In mathematics, we will continue to learn across all areas of the curriculum. The learning ranges from knowledge of numbers, calculations, four operations, using and applying to problems, shape, measures and so on. It would be a huge help if you encouraged your child to learn their times tables off by heart as they underpin most mathematical understanding.

### Science

We will be learning about forces. We will investigate the evidence that proves forces are constantly acting upon things and how we can measure the force needed to move them.

### Computing

#### *Basic Skills Mini Module 3*

We will develop our research, typing and presentation skills in an activity linked to our Topic work.

#### *Video Production Microsoft Video Editor*

We will work in small groups to create short videos. We will develop the skills of capturing, editing, and manipulating video. We will reflect on and assess our progress in creating a video.

### History

We shall be studying the Ancient Egyptians this half-term to compare their lives with our own and to learn about how they lived, what they believed and about how this impacted on their lives and preparation for the afterlife.

### Art

We shall be observing artefacts from Ancient Egypt, discussing shape and line and how to draw from observation. We will learn how to draw in 3D looking at perspective and 3D shape. We will design our own Egyptian artefact and then make it out of clay.

### R.E.

During Religious Education this term, the children will continue to learn about what values are shown in codes for living. The children will think about their own values, with special reference to the values of Christians, Humanists, Jews and Muslims.

### P.E

Swimming will continue alternate Friday mornings until half-term. The children will be developing their skills in Gymnastics.

### French

Moi et Mon Ecole - this term the children will learn how to talk about the school day in French, including telling the time, different subjects, days of the week and what they like and dislike at school.

### PSHE

During this half-term we will be learning how to keep safe and manage risk by making safer choices. We will learn about keeping safe online and how to keep safe when communicating with other people online.

### Music

#### Composing and Chords

In this unit we will create chords, which provide the basis for accompaniment in music. We will use chords in compositions, and create music that is really interesting.

### Reading

With reading being an essential part of learning, it's really important that you listen to your child read and allow them access to a wide range of texts. They can also read on Bug Club at home. Any reading your child does will benefit them. Please note any sessions completed at home in your child's homework/reading record.

### Homework

New **spellings** are given out every **Friday** and are tested the following Friday.

**Learn by Heart** is given out on a **Wednesday** and tested the next Wednesday.

**Homework** is set every **Wednesday** and has to be handed in by **Friday**.

All children have their own Bug Club account and can access TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed at home too - please make good use of them!

### Kit

Children need to come in their PE kit on Mondays and Fridays if they are not swimming.

5I swimming - 5<sup>th</sup> January 19<sup>th</sup> January 2<sup>nd</sup> February

5H swimming - 12<sup>th</sup> January 26<sup>th</sup> January 9<sup>th</sup> February

Thank you

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