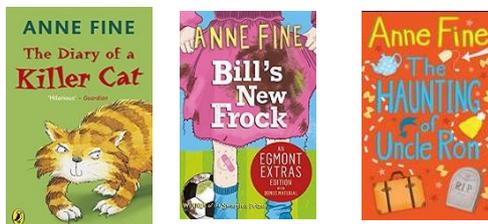




Parent Information Sheet



Class	Anne Fine Class
Classroom Staff	Teacher- Mrs S Harvey Teaching Assistant- Miss H Richardson
Term	Autumn Term 2018

Topics to be covered this half term

Our topic to welcome the children back this half term is called 'Pharaohs'. Children will have fun opportunities to learn all about the history of Ancient Egypt; the culture, the pharaohs themselves and the geography surrounding it all!

In English, we will be focusing on advancing skills in reading comprehension, writing, spelling and speaking & listening. Children will be completing pieces of extended writing which will be used as ongoing assessments. This extended writing may be based upon stimuli that engage and interest the class or link with our current topic. In Years 4 and 5 there are high expectations that each piece of work will include the correct punctuation as well as any of the grammar devices that we will learn about throughout the half term. We will be focussing on editing our work accurately to give the best chance of success.

In Maths, skills will be taught in daily maths sessions and these may include: number and place value, multiplication & division, fractions, geometry, addition and subtraction and measurement. These will start with whole class teaching, before small group activities that will be a mixture of practical and written, independent and adult-led. Children will also be encouraged to consolidate their mental maths, including their times tables, daily.

In Science, our focus will be on 'Animals including humans'. This year we are working in individual year groups; Year 4 working with Mr Warden and Year 5 with Mrs Harvey. Year 4 will be looking at the digestive system, teeth and food chains. In Year 5 we will be studying the stages of human development. The children will be developing their understanding of working scientifically through practical and written application.

All other areas of the curriculum will be taught either discretely or through our topic and will include: football and tag rugby in PE (taught by PE specialists), composition and improvisation in music, going shopping in French, the geography of Egypt, the history of the Pharaohs, PSHE and RE.

Important things to remember

- **Reading books and Reading Records must be in school daily.** Please can you record in these books when you have heard your child read.
- **PE kits must be in school every day** – our hall slots are Wednesdays and Fridays.
- Homework will be **sent out each Friday and is due back the following Wednesday.**
- Children should be carrying out tasks at home using the little and often approach, this makes it easier for you and your child.
- If you are concerned about anything, please do not hesitate to speak to me either before 8:40am or after school.

How to help your child and their learning

- Ask and discuss with your child what they have learnt at school every day, encourage them to talk in detail, encouraging them to be positive.
- Listen to them read their book, little and often and encourage them to read for extended periods of time independently, when they become able to do so.

Homework this term, please support your child with the following:

- Reading with your child at least 4 times a week and record this in their reading record.
- Encouraging your child to spend up to 30 minutes on each homework task; reading comprehension, times tables, maths activity and a SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) activity. You can support as you feel able to, although the aim is for your child to be mostly independent in their attempt at each task.

Thank you,

Mrs S Harvey and Miss H Richardson