



Parent Information Sheet



Class	Katherine Rundell Class
Classroom Staff	Teacher- Miss J Buxton. ATA- Miss K Narramore.
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. Each week children will be expected to carry out at least one piece 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 Year 6 there is 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. Our first class book will be 'The Explorer' by our class author, Katherine Rundell.

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. In Year 6 children will complete test-style questions weekly in preparation for the end of year SATS. Children will also be encouraged to consolidate their mental maths, including their times tables, daily. On a Thursday afternoon the children will be given additional SATS booster time in small groups, led by myself, Miss Narramore, Mrs Bainbridge and Mrs Button.

In Science, our focus will be on 'Animals including humans', specifically in Year 6 looking at the circulatory system, healthy lifestyles and our bodies. 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 notation in music, lifestyles in French, geography surrounding Egypt, the history of the Pharaohs, PSHE and RE which will be taught by Mrs Emms.

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.

I am hopeful that this will be a positive year for our whole class. Please do not hesitate to contact if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Miss J Buxton and Miss K Narramore.