

Year 5 Newsletter Summer 1, 2016

Classes 9 and 10

Dear Families

Curriculum

This term our project is called Back to the Future and we will be trying to answer the question: “**Was it better in the past or now?**” To begin we will be learning about the Ancient Egyptians: researching important Egyptian inventions, learning how to write our names in Egyptian Hieroglyphics, finding out about Mummification and creating our own Egyptian death masks. We will also be looking at our solar system: at how the earth and moon orbit the sun, creating our own pop bottle rockets and learning what it would be like to be an Astronaut like Tim Peak! We are hoping to have a topic-related trip after half term in June (more information will follow later).

Reading

This term the whole of Year 5 are having a big push on home reading. Both classes' Class Targets will be to achieve Silver in the reading Olympics (25 reads) by half term (Friday 27 May). Those who achieve Gold (40 reads) will receive a raffle ticket and be entered into a competition to win a trip to have tea and cake at a nearby coffee shop with Miss Mulligan. We are also having a competition between the two classes to see which class can get more children on Gold; there will be another whole class prize for the winning class! We are encouraging children to read absolutely anything: books, comics, recipes, online articles or even gaming instructions! All they need to do is write down in their reading diary what it was and how much they read. It is incredibly important that your children write down their reads, otherwise the teachers cannot see when they have read and will not be able to reward them for putting in the hard work.

PE

Both classes will be doing PE on Thursday mornings and this term we will be doing Gymnastics! Please ensure children have appropriate kit including trainers.

Home Learning

In line with the school's policy the children will be expected to complete home learning tasks.

Numeracy

This will be set by the child's Numeracy teacher once a week and needs to be handed in the following week.

Project

The children will be given a project home learning related to Back to the Future every two weeks. The children's learning is marked and put in their project or writing book as appropriate.



Spellings

The children have been given spellings to learn and they will be tested each week on a Friday.

Reading

Bronze award 15 reads Silver award 25 reads
Gold award 40 reads Ruby award 70 reads Diamond award 100 reads!
(The children can change their books whenever they need to: they just need to ask!)

Dates

Final Reading Count for the half terms

Friday 27 May & Friday 22 July

A whole school newsletter will be sent out shortly with important dates for the whole term, such as sports days, transition days etc.

If you have any questions or queries our team are always here to help.

The Year 5 Team