

September '24

A warm welcome to Red Class!

Welcome to the new school year and we hope that you have had a wonderful summer. We are pleased to say that we are able to invite you to a 'Meet the Teacher' session in Red Class on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm.

Roles & Responsibilities:

When children enter Year 5, we encourage them to take on greater responsibilities around school. In the next few days, you will be hearing about the different roles and responsibilities children have been given for the coming year. Children may be selected to be house captain, school council member or other leadership roles within the school and class. They have been very excited about these and have volunteered for the roles that they would like to do.

Curriculum

For the first half of this term, we will be investigating Ancient Egypt and the lives of the people that lived in this era. We will be enquiring chronologically when this period occurred, who they were, what they traded, their everyday lives and compare it to what was happening in Great Britain at this time. For geography, we will use our forest school lessons to investigate the biome in which we live.

Our science will focus on space, learning about the planets, their distances from each other, the scientists who discovered that the Earth was spherical and that it is not the centre of the universe.

Please take a look at the class topic web on the school website to find out more.

It is essential to continue with the homework tasks each week. Giving time to support your child's learning really does help them be confident learners in school.

Reading: Please ensure your child is reading regularly at home. Now that children are older, they may not always want to read aloud to you. However, it is still important to have reading time to check that they have understood what they have read, know the meanings of new words, know how new words may be pronounced etc. Please continue to record your child's reading in their reading diary so that I can see what types of books they are enjoying, that they are reading age-appropriate texts and help with any difficulties they may be having. Alongside reading at home, children will also read to adults in school individually or during guided reading.

Times Tables & Maths: Please continue to use Maths Shed each week. I will be setting a weekly maths homework based on the work we are doing in class until your child is fluent in multiplication and division facts. This term, our maths topics are place value, long multiplication and the bus stop method for short division. Knowing their times tables will make these topics more successful for your child.

Spelling: We are continuing to subscribe to Spelling Shed. I will be teaching a spelling rule each week and will set work based on this. Please ensure your child practises the spellings set each week. Alongside the online games, children may practise their spellings in their home learning book. It is often helpful to write the spelling in a sentence to ensure the meaning of the word is also embedded.

### Keeping active:

Our PE session will be on a Tuesday with Achieve for All and we will have Handball on a Wednesday with class teacher. Forest School with a geography element will be on a Monday. As the weather will be variable this term, your child may wish to bring in a pair of black leggings or tracksuit trousers for when the weather is cold. Please ensure a long-sleeved t-shirt is worn in forest school to avoid nettle stings. After half term, the children will have the opportunity to take part in bikeability but they must have a helmet to participate.

### Classroom essentials

In Year 5, we encourage the children to wear a white shirt and tie in preparation for secondary school and to model that they are the oldest within the school. We recognise that some children with sensory needs may struggle with this so to begin, they may wear the shirt with the top button undone and the tie attached there. They will then hopefully become accustomed to this and be able to wear the tie and shirt by Christmas. Please may all children have a rain coat daily alongside a water-bottle and sun-cream. In Year 5, we are beginning to take responsibility of our own equipment. For this, we recommend an exam style pencil case to hold their stationary throughout the day. We often find other pencil cases become too large to fit within their trays or they lose pop-out compartments.

### Useful websites:

[www.spellingshed.com](http://www.spellingshed.com)

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

If you have any further questions to ask, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Miss Anna – Red Class Teacher

Ms Uter – Class Teaching Assistant (Mon, Tues, Weds)

Mrs McLaughlin – Class teaching Assistant (Thurs, Fri)

Ms Guy – SEN support (Thurs am)