



Twineham CofE School



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Ivy Class.

This term our main theme will be 'Ancient Egypt'. We will be finding out about some of the pharaohs and how historians use different sources to find out about the past. We will look at daily life in Ancient Egypt, how and why mummies were created, the belief systems and buildings the Ancient Egyptians created. We will also find out about some Egyptologists and use these in literacy to write some biographies. After looking at Ancient Egypt we will explore the River Nile as a case study for a river. We will use it to develop our understanding of the water cycle and features and processes of rivers, including the use of dams to control flooding and irrigation.

In maths, we will revise the topics we have already covered this year, looking at calculation strategies, problem solving and investigations so we can apply the skills we have been practising in a range of contexts. We will also revise work on fractions, decimals and percentages, shapes and angles. The Y6 pupils will also start some transition work for moving on to secondary school and the Y5 pupils will begin to think about using algebra.

Mrs Moss will continue to take Ivy class on Thursdays. She will continue to focus on measuring in maths and provide a spelling and grammar lesson. In the afternoon Mrs Moss will develop handwriting and teach French; we are studying the water cycle from the perspective of Gaston the raindrop! Recorder lessons are working towards our concert in school in May and we shall enjoy singing a variety of songs for a NEARS special!

Our RE topic this term is "faith". We will look at what faith means to us and how people have shown faith in their daily lives. From this we will move on to look at the values of freedom and justice and how these have impacted on people's lives.

This term our science topic is "Animals including humans". We will start with how humans and animals change over the duration of their lives and continue with work on understanding the circulatory system and thinking about how diet, exercise and lifestyle impact on people's lives.

Outdoor PE this term will normally take place on Tuesdays and Fridays, with Mrs Stafford supporting our lessons on Fridays. We will be looking at striking and fielding games and practising skills related to bowling,



striking, throwing and catching as well as the different tactics for the striking and fielding teams. We will also look at athletics with a focus on running, jumping and throwing skills. There may be some weeks where the Tuesday session is moved to Monday or Wednesday so please can all PE kits be in school all week.

Homework

Reading	Every night, if possible read or discuss reading with an adult or older sibling. Short comment writing 1-2 times a week in brown reading record.
Other	There will also be project homework with a choice of activities. This will be set for several weeks and the date that it is due back in school will be printed on it.

Homework is also put on the VLE.

If possible, please keep reading and discussing books and stories with your children as I cannot over emphasise the importance of this.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss anything,

Kind regards,

Miss Meeson