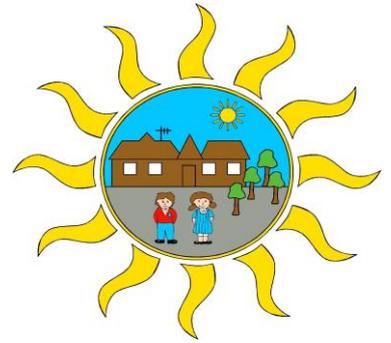


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Dear Parents,

Wow, how quickly does the new term come around! It hardly seems any time at all since I was writing a topic letter for the summer term and yet here we are reading to start Autumn 2018! We have a very exciting few weeks planned ahead; this time our overarching topic for this term is.... Water. Now, you might be thinking "That sounds even more boring than one of Mr Noble's grammar lessons!" But, hold on! Let me explain....

Maths and English lessons

Children will be mainly taught in mixed ability groups for most of their Maths and English lessons. This is to enable us to best meet the requirements of the individual children. Where possible, some areas, particularly literacy, will be linked to our topic.

In literacy this term we will be looking at a brand new book called *Secrets of a Sun King*. This is a brand new book by Emma Carroll and is set in Ancient Egypt. We plan to do lots of smaller pieces of writing, including newspaper reports, narratives and letters. We also will continue to crack on with grammar lessons and will send home spellings every week. These will be stuck in your child's link book so please, please remind them to practice them at home! If you could also remind your child to read at least once a week (it can just be to themselves) that would also be brilliant!

Maths will carry on as normal this term: across the first half of the term in maths we shall be covering place value, fractions, geometry and becoming more fluent with their mental arithmetic. Children will have times tables to learn each week and an informal test will be given, to check their times tables knowledge, every week. There will also be time (if the weather holds out!) for the children to some outside learning in maths, something that we really enjoyed doing last year and something we felt the children really gained from.

History

History- we will be looking at Ancient Egypt and their use of the River Nile (tenuously linking in with our topic!) We will look at how the river was used for farming, transport and exploring. We will also be looking at other general things to do with that time period, such as the pyramids, the Pharaohs and the intriguing myths, legends and god's that the Egyptians believed in.

Geography

In Geography, we will be looking at rivers and oceans. We will start by looking and naming the rivers in the UK before widening our search to the rivers and oceans around the world. We will look at currents and tides and coastal erosion as well as how rivers are used for trade and oceans have been crossed by explorers searching for new lands.



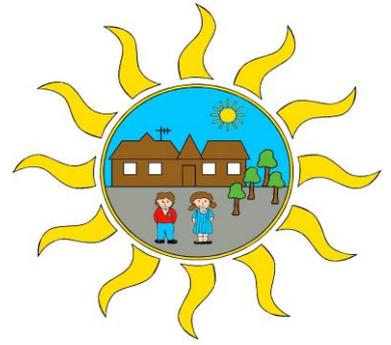
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Science

In science we will be looking at electricity. Linking in with our topic of water, the children will learn about hydroelectricity and then create their own circuits using the equipment in school. Children will also be taught the basic symbols of an electrical circuit and will plan some investigations based on this area of learning.

Languages (French)

In French, Foxes will be revising names and greetings; how they feel; their age; and where they live. They will also be revising their numbers from 1-30 and introduce numbers up to sixty.

PSHCE

In this area of the curriculum we will be looking at relationships. This will cover how our actions can make others feel, exploring how we can get on with one another and what we should do if we get angry.

RE

In RE, Foxes are looking at Christianity, they will begin to look at how Christians believe the world was created, before looking at places of worship and some special days on the Christian Calendar.

PE

Children need to have their PE kit in school every day please. In the first part of the term, children will have games lessons and dance. As usual one lesson a week (Thursday) will be taught by Aspire.

Art and Design

In art this term we will be looking at Ancient Egyptian art- writing our own hieroglyphics and drawing pictures based on art work found in Ancient Egyptian pyramids.

We are very privileged this term to have an outside agency come in to teach the children drama on a Monday afternoon. They hope to find something that links in with our current topic so make sure you ask your children how they got on with this new and exciting part of the week.

We will also continue to give every child the opportunity to enjoy several weeks at Forest School throughout the year, please keep an eye on ClassDojo and letters home for further details.

Finally, for this last paragraph, Cobnor! We hope to again go away on our residential trip early this term and again, further details will be available in the coming weeks. It's a very exciting trip and we really hope that, even if your child is a bit nervous about spending time away from home, they will come with us on this adventure!

Anyway, that's about it from me. If you have any questions please do get in contact with me on ClassDojo or grab me in the playground.

Let the countdown to Christmas commence.....

Mr Noble



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