



# Key Stage 2 Newsletter Spring 1



## **Happy New Year!**

Following the Christmas holidays, the pupils have settled well back into lessons and I have enjoyed visiting many of them in class and speaking to children on the playground.

We have a busy term ahead with many exciting and interesting learning opportunities planned. There are visits to Stratford-upon-Avon, Oxford, Newbury and closer to home with local tree planting and continued swimming lessons. Please check book bags for letters from school regarding experiences planned for individual year groups.

Although the days are slowly becoming longer, it is still very cold; please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for outside play. Scarves, hats and gloves should be named in order to make identification of mislaid items easier.

We are all looking forward to a productive half term – thank you for your continued support with reading, maths and other homework challenges.

*Miss Wilson*

## **Year Six**

Year 6 are lucky enough to have taken part in two trips this half of term: one to Adams Park to take part in an anti-racism workshop and the second to Tudor World to learn about crime and punishment during the Tudor era and about Shakespeare. Tudor World will link directly to our writing this half of term. This half term sees the start of booster classes for year 6. These will take place on a Tuesday and a Thursday focussing on maths and reading in the first instance. As always, please remind your children to bring their PE kit in on a Monday and bring it home to be washed on a Friday. Initially, PE will be on a Tuesday and a Friday. Homework will continue to be set on a Wednesday and should be handed in on a Tuesday. We have also been setting a 100 word challenge each Monday which will continue this half of term. The 100 word challenge is a prompt which might be a picture or a phrase where the children can write 100 words based on the prompt. Some of the pieces written have been great to read.

Miss Johnson (Year Leader), Miss Edington and Mr Reid

## Year Five

Welcome back and a Happy 2020!

We hope the children had an enjoyable and restful holiday! We are overwhelmed with the interest children have taken to star-gazing and are pleased to see how many children witnessed spectacular star constellations.

Eco-issues Day proved to be an eye-opener for us all as we discovered the huge and negative impact we are having on our planet! Children thoroughly enjoyed the day, in particular getting creative with textiles to create wonderful pieces of sustainable and up-cycled fashion!



This term, our topic is 'South America' but we will be looking more closely at the Amazon Rainforest. To our great delight, Year 5 will have the opportunity to visit The Living Rainforest. This trip hopes to help children understand the rainforest ecosystem, structure and even how dependent we are on it.

It is vital children read each day but they must read out loud so that they build confidence as well as fluency in their reading. Please sign your child's Reading and Maths Journal each day. Once again, if for any reason the child is unable to complete their Maths homework for a day, they should complete another task and bring this in to show their teacher.

This half term we will do Yoga indoors and Basketball outdoors. Children must have their PE kits on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support!

Mrs Gill (Year 5 leader), Miss Rogers, Miss Burrell and Mr Bishop.

## Year Four

First of all, we would just like to say thank you for supporting your children with Reading and Maths challenges. It has been great to see the pride and effort which the children are taking in their homework.

On Tuesday 14th January, Africa will visit Year Four! We are all very excited as the day we will be filled with exciting activities such as African drumming and storytelling. The children will then use this amazing experience in their story writing, character descriptions and biographies. Keep a look out on the website and Facebook page for photos of the day...



In geography, the pupils will be learning about mountains. They will use maps to locate the major mountain ranges in the world. Also, the pupils will learn about the climates and animals which live in these environments.

In Science, Year Four are learning about sound and how it travels. The children have already had great fun making cup telephones and discussing how the sound travels. They will also be learning about how animals communicate through sound.



In preparation for the Year Four government Multiplication Check in June, we will be focussing on ensuring the pupils are fluent and proficient in their multiplication facts. Please help your child to learn their times tables so that they are fluent in their recall.

You can use the following link so that your child can practise the multiplication check at home:

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

Username: bethebest

Password: medal12

Mrs Hill-Cornwell (Year 4 Leader), Miss Drummond, Mr Sparkes and Mrs Yates



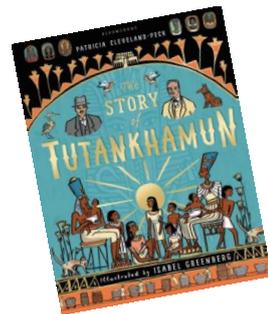
## Year Three

Year Three are very excited about the Spring Term and learning all about the Ancient Egyptians. We are very much looking forward to seeing the children dressed up for our Ancient Egyptian Day on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January.

The children have completed some fantastic holiday projects and we have received some beautifully constructed fossils made in different ways.



We will be starting the term with some fictional texts with Ancient Egyptian settings. This half term we will write letters, diary entries and newspaper reports. The children will be learning and writing about many different aspects of Egyptian life and will have the chance to role play and debate. We are encouraging children to do as much reading and research around our topic at home, so they can become experts! We will continue to work on consistent and correct spelling of Year 1, 2 and 3 common exception words. Please continue to help you child with their spelling work at home.



In Maths the children will continue to be learning about multiplication and division and then move onto money. In Year 3 they need to be secure with their multiplication and division facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5, and 8 times tables.



Remember to make some time each day to talk to your child about their day at school. They will have lots to tell you and it will help to consolidate their learning at school.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Farid (Year Three Leader), Ms Maciver, Miss Lau and Miss Espiritu.