



Welcome Back!

We hope that you managed to have a relaxing summer holiday which involved many adventures with friends and family. As we gear up for another year packed full of exploration and learning, we would like to welcome the three new members of our class – Holly, Finlay and Tommy. Also we look to the older end of the class and focus on the future leaders of the school from Year 6 – Austen, Macey, Harry C, Isaac and Sam. We are very excited about this year's topics and cannot wait to get the children back in the classroom!

Topic We kick things off this term with our Egyptian related topic aptly named 'Tomb Raiders'. We will be researching Ancient Egypt and creating adventure stories linked to the 'curse' of Tutankhamun and Egyptian myths and legends. We might also try a bit of mummification – I wonder who will be our volunteer?

School Events As usual the children will be following thematic learning which will encompass Christian and seasonal themes such as Harvest Festival. Keep an eye out for the date of this year's church service.

PE The children will continue to have age-related P.E with a designated sports coach on a Monday at Sand Hutton; they will still come in to school in the relevant clothing on that day. Also Friday afternoon will be the second PE lesson of the week where the children will need a PE kit in school.

Home learning - In a fast paced hectic world we understand that homework can be an added pressure for families. We continue to evaluate the home learning tasks that we set throughout the year. Please find details of the homework setup for this half-term below.

Spellings - This will continue through weekly tests so that we can cover the age-related statutory word lists. Your child will come home with a printed list of all of this half-term's spellings (rather than a new list every week)

Maths – We will be using SumDog (www.sumdog.com) to target particular skills. We will set the children appropriate challenges linked to their work within the classroom. Your child's login will not have changed from last year. Please ask if you need a quick reminder.

Theme – We will set a new project every half-term linked to the current theme. This will be sent out shortly.

Views from the children

We hope to include the children's voice in future newsletters – Watch this space for their all-important views!

The decorators have been in!



Take a look at our amazing new classroom

For your
Calendar

Sept 18th – 20th
Yr 5/6 Residential

Sept 14th
Flying Start

Sept 28th
Harvest Festival

Oct 20th
Last Day

Quick round up of the other activities within the class



There are many other exciting and engaging activities that we are introducing this year. We are hoping to set the class up with a **Pobble** account (www.pobble.com) which will give the children a chance to share their work with parents and children from other schools around the country.

To make sure that we are implementing positive behavior management systems and rewarding good behavior we have decided to use a computer-based reward system. This was briefly introduced at the end of last year and the children seemed to enjoy the concept. Further details are to follow but if you would like to have a look for yourself it is called **ClassDojo** (www.classdojo.com). There are also opportunities for parents to see how their children are getting on within the classroom and it gives the option of writing messages directly to teachers.

As well as using **SumDog** for maths homework, please also explore the other sections that are attached to the website. They have a reading and spellings section.

To aid mental recall skills especially the times tables we will revitalize our weekly challenges through the continued use of **Cracking Times Tables**. This is a scheme which challenges children to progress through the times tables at ability appropriate level.

We wish all the children the best for this half-term and if you have any questions please pop in and talk to any of us!



Honour Roll:

Following the success of the MySpace Display board we are looking to fill it up with your amazing achievements. Whether it is a family photo, or a 200m swimming badge; we love to share the life stories of your children. Please bring in any items to stick up on the board. Don't worry if you want to keep photos or certificates safe at home we can always photocopy them and pin the copy up on the wall.

QUOTE OF THE TERM:

"Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new."
-Einstein

Save the Date

In addition to the main school newsletter we hope to put further dates within the school year as soon as we know them.



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