



Saints Class Newsletter – Term 1

Welcome back! Here we are, at the start of Year 5, with lots of exciting learning opportunities ahead of us. Things may be a little different from how they used to be, but already the children have adapted to the new measures in place. It's almost like they have never been away! As always, the door is always open, so please pop by for a chat (socially distanced of course!) if you have anything at all you wish to discuss or alternatively send us a message via the class webpage and we will get back to you. <https://www.bostonstnicholas.co.uk/saints-class-year-5-3/>

Pharaohs

We have so much to explore and discover this term, as we take a look back in time to the period of the Ancient Egyptians. We will be learning about the achievements of this ancient civilisation, while using maps to locate Egypt and the River Nile. We will be studying the life of Cleopatra while exploring different Pharaohs, Egyptian Gods and some of the unusual beliefs held at this time. We will be looking at Egyptian artefacts and using clay to reproduce a canopic jar with hieroglyphic design.

In **Maths**, we are learning about numbers to a million and will then move on to addition and subtraction. We are also working really hard to improve our times tables.

In **English** we are exploring 'Writing to Inform' texts including blogs, letters and journalistic writing.

During our **Science** lessons this term, we are exploring life cycles of plants and animals.

In **RE**, we will be looking at the impact that faith has on the Hindu community.

Home learning

Homework will be given out weekly for this term on a Friday and needs to be returned by the following Thursday. There will be one piece of Maths or English per week and this will be based on our learning in class.

Spelling

Children will have weekly spellings based on taught spelling rules in the class. Children will get a fresh set of spellings each week. Working with your child to help them practise at home will really help them achieve the expected level for Year 5. Spellings will be tested and marked every Friday.

Reading

In Year 5, we ask that the children read to someone at home a minimum of **5 times per week**. The reading may consist of a variety of texts; from novels, to recipes, newspapers and even football programmes! Please sign in your child's reading record each time they read. We will be changing reading books once a week, on **Thursdays**.

PE Days

Our PE will take place on Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure that **your child comes to school in their full PE kit** on these days. Earrings should be removed at home or they will need to be taped up during PE lessons (please provide the tape). All children need to bring a coat into school every day. We aim to get outside as much as possible.

Children also need to bring a bottle of water to school daily to ensure they remain hydrated.

