

Year 5 Autumn Term— Maths

By the end of this term, your child is expected to:

- confidently recall multiplication and division facts at speed.
- read timetables, explaining the time of arrival at a destination.
- explain what units of measure should be used to weigh various objects, measure length and capacity.

You can help your child by:

- using the interactive times table feature on our school website - <http://www.thelevertonjuniorschool.co.uk/children.php>
- encouraging your son/ daughter to cut / share cake, pizza, apples etc at home – explaining the fractions which have been created and the fraction which has been eaten.
- Fraction games - <http://www.funbrain.com/cgi-bin/fob.cgi> and <http://www.kidsolr.com/math/fractions.html>

Year 5 Autumn Term— Reading

By the end of this term your child is expected to:

- continue to read and discuss an increasingly wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks.
- draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justify inferences with evidence.
- ask questions to improve their understanding.
- distinguish between statements of fact and opinion.

You can help your child by:

- asking your child questions about the book to improve their understanding.
- encouraging your child to take part in the summer reading challenge 'The big friendly read' at Essex libraries.
- <http://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/summer-reading-challenge-2017/>

Year 5 Autumn Term— Writing

By the end of this term your child is expected to:

- spell some words with 'silent' letters such as knight, dimb, wrestle.
- use the first three or four letters of a word to check spelling, meaning or both of these in a dictionary.
- identify the audience and purpose of the writing.
- begin to use further organisational and presentational devices to structure text and to guide the reader (for example, headings, bullet points, underlining).

You can help your child by:

- reading with your child, discuss why it is written and who it is written for.
- test your child on their spellings and help them to write sentences with the spelling words in.
- <http://www.collaborativelearning.org/silentletters.pdf> - board game.

Ancient Influences



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Background Information on Topic

This term we will be learning about the Ancient Egyptians. The story of Ancient Egypt has survived for thousands of years; Egypt was one of the greatest civilisations of the past. The monuments and tombs of their Pharaohs continue to stand intact today, some 4,000 years later.

Launch Day

On Monday 10th September we will be having our launch day. This is where the children are introduced to their topic in an exciting and inspirational way. We will be looking at how it fits into the chronology of history, key people and events. We will be making hieroglyphic bookmarks and creating salt dough amulets.

Visit

This year we have booked an on-site living history experience where the children will participate in a workshop on Egyptian life and have an opportunity to learn interactively.

Costs of the workshop will be announced nearer the date.

PE and Swimming

All children are required to have the correct PE kit in school for the whole week as PE happens on different days throughout the week.

Indoor PE Kit: plain black shorts, plain white t-shirt*

Outdoor PE Kit: plain grey tracksuit, plain white t-shirt, outdoor trainers, socks

*These items with the school logo can be bought from school office.

Children will also participate in swimming lessons, details to follow.



Key Dates for Autumn Term

Monday 3rd September 2018 - INSET Day

Tuesday 4th September 2018 - INSET Day

Wednesday 5th September 2018 - First day back at School

Thursday 6th September 2018 - Meet the Teacher Evening 5.00pm

Monday 10th September 2018 - Launch Day

22nd October - 29th October 2018 - HALF TERM holiday

Wednesday 19th December 2018 - Finish for Christmas

Homework

Please remember that homework is an essential part of the children's learning and it is important that they complete it at home.

Homework will be given out every Friday (via the school website) and needs to be handed in on Wednesday.

Homework Club is run after school every Tuesday afternoon from 3.15- 4.15pm

Books to read

Sign up to the local library and complete the Summer Reading Challenge. The theme for this year is 'Mischievous Makers'. Visit summerreadingchallenge.org.uk to create your own profile and get signed up.



Ideas for Launch Day

We would like the children to dress as an Ancient Egyptian. This does not need to involve spending lots of money, a home-made costume will be fine. We found this site which may help you.

<http://www.show.me.uk/editorial/1184-how-to-make-an-ancient-egyptian-costume>.

