



Hickling Curriculum Newsletter ~ Autumn 2

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are looking forward to a busy half term, with lots of fun activities. This half term in Hickling we are going to be learning about Ancient Egypt; building on the children's prior knowledge to develop their understanding and historical skills.

Here is some more information about what the children will be learning this half term:

English Children will be developing their story telling and writing skills. We will be focusing on writing a tale of defeating the monster and writing instructions.	Maths In Maths we are using White Rose Maths resources as the children continue to explore the curriculum. As always, Mathletics is a great way to practise the skills that we cover in class. Please continue to encourage your child to use this regularly at home.	Science The children will learn about the properties of materials. We will be exploring the different properties that a material can have while looking at how these can be altered. We will also be investigating the impact of these properties.	Music The children will have an hour of music each week with Ms Owen-Smith. This will be singing and percussion based on the requirements of the National Curriculum.
Topic – Ancient Egypt The children are going to develop their understanding of the Ancient Egyptians. They will learn about the different Egyptian rulers through the period of time and explore the lives and surroundings of the people of Ancient Egypt. We will also be having a Design & Technology focus this half term as the children design and build their own life size chariot; we will build one in Year 5 and one in Year 6.			

Helpful Websites

Below you will find some websites that can be useful to support your children's learning at home on the internet.

Maths

www.mathletics.co.uk

Reading

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

Writing & GPS (Grammar Punctuation & Spelling)

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zhrrd2p>

Topic related

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zg87xnb>

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/egypt/ten-facts-about-ancient-egypt/>

Spelling

We will be continuing with 'No Nonsense Spelling'. Children will have spelling lessons during the week based on a common sound, pattern or rule. Please encourage your child to continue learning the common exception words at home – if you require a copy of this list, please let one of us know.

Year 6 SATs Homework

Children in Year 6 will be set homework on a Monday from the CGP books which they have in school. This homework should be completed and returned by Thursday. Please encourage your child to give these ago and remind them that, should they get stuck, we are here to help.

Books and Book Bags

Thank you for continuing to read with your children and writing a comment in their reading records. It is very important that your child is reading every day. The children can change their books as soon as they have read them. Please help the children develop a love of reading by sharing these books with them, talking about why they have chosen them and discussing what they have enjoyed, or not, about them.

P.E Kits

We plan to have PE on Tuesday and Wednesday; however, please send PE kits in on Monday and allow your child to leave their kit in school all week as they may need to do PE at different times to their usual lesson. The children will have PE outside on both days. Details of PE kits are on the school website.

Snacks

Please provide your child with a piece of fruit for morning break.

Drinks

Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school. Milk that is ordered with school dinners will be given to children at morning break. Water will be the only drink provided at lunchtime.

Key dates

10th Nov – Magic Flute rehearsal at Langley School (Parents' provide transport)

13th Nov – Magic Flute performance at the Royal Albert Hall (London)

6th December: Christingle 2.30pm

13th December: Christmas Jumper Day £1

13th December: Carol Service 1.30pm @ St Andrews

13th December: Christmas Market 2.30pm (No ASC)

17th December– Whole School visit to Theatre Royal Norwich– Cinderella

18th December: Last Day of term (No ASC)

We hope that this information is useful, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and talk to either of us.

Kind Regards,

The Year 5/6 Team

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