



## RHODES AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 5

Spring Term 2019

Curriculum News letter (Termly Class Letter)

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### Introduction

Firstly welcome back after your Christmas break and we hope you had a relaxing time. The children have settled well into Year 5 and are working with confidence and enthusiasm in all lessons. This term the children will have an opportunity to consolidate and extend their learning in new topics. Here is some information relating to the curriculum and the activities that we have planned for the children in the coming term.

In **English**, we will continue to look narrative writing based around our topic. We focus our literacy using key texts such as Rose Blanche and a novel relating to our Egypt topic. This enables us to explore a variety text types; including diary, description, poetry, newspaper and descriptive writing. We feel that reading and listening to stories is very important, as it offers the children a rich and varied vocabulary to support their writing development and fosters a life long love of literacy. Our Grammar focus will be linked to our writing and will include word classes, varied punctuation and sentence structure.

### Reading

This half-term we will be looking at poetry and beginning a new novel during our Big Read sessions. During these sessions we focus on reading for understanding and enjoyment. We will still be monitoring the children's home reading and will expect them to bring in their reading records daily. The children will continue to be reading aloud regularly.

In **Maths** we will continue to be focusing on shape and space, statistics and fractions. It is paramount that the children know their times tables up to 12 x 12 and their corresponding division facts, as these are integral to all aspects of this subject. There are times tables grids available in the classroom for children to take home as often as you would like. They can also be found online. Children can also practise their times tables using their Mathletics or Times Tables Rockstars logins.

In **Science** for the first half term we will be continuing with our science topic of Materials and their properties and then moving onto Forces.

Please note that **PE** will continue to be on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Fridays (depending on classes)**.

In **PE** our focus will be on ball skills (throwing, catching, attacking and defending) and we will be using these skills in different contexts. It is essential that children have their PE kits in school every day. This includes a Rhodes Avenue T-shirt (available from the school office), shorts, jogging bottoms, warm top and appropriate footwear. Children will be asked to remove or cover earrings before taking part in their PE session.

### Spring 1

This term, our topic is 'Judaism'.

As part of this topic we will be focusing on Judaism, its origins, traditions and values. We will be visiting a local synagogue on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019. Thank you for your support with this visit. We will learn

about Shabbat and Passover and the significance for Jewish people. The children will find out about rituals and festivals associated with Judaism.

**Spring 2**  
**This term, our topic is 'Egyptians'**

As part of this topic we will be focusing on the location of Ancient Egypt and why the Egyptians settled around the Nile, traditions, mythology, Pharaohs and pyramids.

If you have any resources or expertise relating to any of our topics, please do get in touch.

**Important Autumn term dates for your diaries:**

Synagogue visit	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January am
Half term	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February
Ancient Egypt Workshop	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February
Parents Evening	Weds 21st & Thurs 21st March
Easter Holidays	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April – Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April
Easter Monday	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April
Pendarren trip meeting for parents	TBC
Bank Holiday	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May
Pendarren residential visit	Group A- Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> April – Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> April Group B- Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> May – Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> May

**Home learning:**

Thank you ever so much for your continued support with your children's home learning projects so far. They have been of excellent quality and the children have seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed sharing them. This term, we have three optional projects for children to choose from. They are the following:

**Maths investigation:**

This is similar to the science project, whereby children choose their area of interest in mathematics. This could range from looking at patterns in numbers, the concept of pi, puzzles and investigations they have enjoyed solving. Following this they could challenge their friends to try and solve them and then explain their reasoning.

**World book day Project:**

Specific information regarding this project will follow in the upcoming weeks.

World Book day is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. The projects will be due by Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

**Egyptian history based project:**

Specific dates and information will follow towards the end of this half term.

This will be due by Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

**Healthy Schools**

As part of school policy and our commitment to being a Healthy School please ensure that you child's playtime snack is fresh fruit and/or vegetables. Water will always be available during the school day however we are happy for you to bring into school a bottle of water clearly labelled. Please remember not to send your child to school with anything that may contain nuts.

If you have any questions or queries, please do remember we are always here to help. Please speak to a member of the team to arrange a mutually convenient time. You can also refer to our year group webpage on the school website for further information including information on how you can support your child's learning.

We looking forward to working with you,

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