

Tuesday 7th January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back and hope you had a lovely festive break. We are all looking forward to the term ahead and have lots of exciting things planned.



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Topic:

For the whole of the Spring term, we will be learning about 'What made the Ancient Egyptians great? Please refer to the topic overview sheet for more details about what we will be covering in each subject.

Topic help

If you have any knowledge or experience regarding our topic, please get in contact with Miss Morton or Miss Morrison. We appreciate any visits from parents/family members who could support our learning in this topic.

PE

Our class will have PE on **Monday and Tuesday** afternoons. Please ensure that your child has their appropriate PE kit in school at all times:

- Shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms - black
- Plain white T-shirt (no large print or design please)
- Trainers or plimsolls
- Socks
- Tracksuits may be worn for outside PE during colder weather
- No earrings or jewellery to be worn for PE.

Please can all items of PE kit and school uniform be named (even if written on the label with pen).

If your child takes part in a sports club afterschool, please ensure their kit is returned to school the next day, or bring a spare kit for the club.

Daily Physical Activity

In addition to PE lessons, we are now getting pupils involved in structured daily exercise in order to boost health, self-esteem and academic performance. For a short period of approximately 10-15 minutes each afternoon, the children will be running or taking part in fitness workouts. To help make this possible, we are asking that children have **a pair of trainers and jogging-style trousers in school every day (they may already have these as part of their PE kit)**. These can be kept at school and then taken home for washing when necessary. Depending on the weather, our daily physical activity may take place inside or (hopefully!) outdoors.

We have specialist teachers that will take the children for certain sessions:

- Ms Trula (HLTA) – Spanish (Monday)
- Mr Bacon (PE TA) – PE (Monday and Tuesday)

Reading:

It is expected that Year 6 children engage in reading activities at home **at least 5 times per week**. They will also read to an adult in school at least once a week, which could be through individual or group reading activities. This could be with any of the adults who work or volunteer in Rosemellyn class.

Reading records will be checked on a **Monday**. Please make sure that your child has their record in school on this day because this is the only day that they will be checked for reading points towards the reading reward scheme.

Homework:

1. Reading: at least five times a week (reading records will be checked on a Monday morning)
2. Times tables facts
3. Spellings
4. Maths activity
5. English activity

Homework will be given out on a Friday and needs to be returned by the following **Thursday**. According to our homework policy, if it is not handed in by the Friday at the latest, it will need to be completed over lunchtime. Children will be tested on their spellings and times tables on a Friday. Results will be given back to them so that they know how they got on.

Rewards

This term we will continue to reward children who have followed the school rules with 'Golden Time' on a Friday. For 30 minutes on a Friday, children can have free-choice in the classroom. Children are welcome to bring in small card games if they wish. Pupils will not receive their golden time if they receive a 'Time to Think sheet' at any point during that week. In addition to this, we are encouraging teamwork and the children will receive 'marbles' for working together as a class.

Age Appropriate Gaming and Screen Time:

Many children spend a large amount of time using electronic devices and accessing computer games that are not age appropriate. As a proud Healthy Schools Award holder we would like to remind parents and carers that children are advised to spend **no more than 2 hours a day** in front of a screen (TV/ PC/ Laptop/ Tablet/ Smart phone/etc).

Open Door Policy:

We welcome your feedback on any aspect of your child's time in Rosemellyn class and are available to discuss any questions, queries or problems that you may have. We are available at the classroom door if you need to give us a message in the morning. Alternatively, if you need longer to speak to us, come and see us after school (through the classroom door) or make an appointment at the office.

We are very much looking forward to the term ahead and thank you for your continued support.

Miss Morton, Miss Morrison and Mrs Miskowicz

