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Rundell class

# Year 5 Newsletter - Term 2

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We're delighted to welcome your children back for another exciting term. The children worked hard in Term 1, settling into the expectations and routines of Year 5 wonderfully. This term, we'll focus on building upon their prior knowledge and applying it to new concepts and texts. Midway through the term, we'll have a series of assessments, providing an opportunity for the children to celebrate their progress and achievements so far.

## History

During this term's History unit, the children will be studying 'What can we learn from the Ancient Egyptians?' The sessions will give an overview of Ancient Egyptian civilisation, focusing on the period between the time of the first pharaoh around 3100BC to the Roman invasion in 31BC. We will look at the impact of particular people and events as well as the broader themes of significance, achievements, chronology and legacy. There will be links to DT, where we will be creating Shadufs, mummies and pyramids.

## Maths

The children have made good progress in securing their understanding of place value and number, laying a strong foundation for our Term 2 focus on multiplication, division, and fractions. There will be plenty of hands-on learning opportunities, with lots of practical activities and the use of manipulatives to deepen their understanding. Please continue to encourage your child to revise their times tables regularly, as they play a crucial role in understanding factors, multiples, and fractions.

## English

This term we will be focusing on developing short stories during our Writing sessions. We will have mini lessons with the focus on how to form paragraphs, how to build up character personality, how to include dialogue, and how to create vivid settings. As always, there will be a focus on handwriting and spelling, and we would appreciate your support of helping your child practise their weekly spellings.

During Shared Reading sessions, we will be looking at the text 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty with a focus on retrieval and inference skills.

## Science

We will be exploring the topic of "Forces," where we will learn about gravity, the effects of air and water resistance, friction, and how mechanisms like levers, pulleys, and gears can affect force. We will be building on our previous knowledge from the Year 3 "Forces and Magnets" topic, challenging us to recall and apply what we've learned.

As usual, if you have any questions or queries, please ask any of the Year 5 staff team and we will be very pleased to help you. Our email address is:

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## Reading

Reading is at the heart of everything we do at Kingsnorth. We use children's AR ranges to support them in choosing suitable books from the library, while also encouraging them to pick books outside of their range for enjoyment. Hearing your child read regularly and signing their reading logs is crucial for their progress. Please ensure your child's reading log is signed at least 3 times a week. We love hearing about the books they're enjoying and look forward to some great recommendations! If you have concerns about your child's reading progress or enjoyment, please reach out to us—we have plenty of suggestions to help.

## Religious Education

The children will become investigative journalists and discuss the question 'Was Jesus the Messiah?' They will do this through a variety of independent and group activities, growing in both skill and knowledge. As you would imagine, the unit covers the Christmas Story and leads us into the festive season.

## Physical Education

We will continue to have our PE lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please can we remember to have our PE kits in school on those days. Their PE kit can be kept at school in a labelled, drawstring bag. Girls and boys will change in separate classrooms. On Tuesdays, we will be developing our dance skills travelling to Ancient Egypt! On Thursdays, we will be developing our hockey skills.