



## Newsletter to Parents

## Autumn Term 2018

Welcome back! We hope you have had an enjoyable summer with your children; we are looking forward to a fun-packed term! Mr. Elder.

### Our Curriculum

The topic for the Autumn term is 'Long Ago and Far Away-Ancient Egypt'. The children will learn about:

- The achievements of the earliest civilizations-an overview of where and when the first civilizations appeared and an in-depth of study of Ancient Egypt.
- The importance of the River Nile to the Egyptians and learn about its abundant resources.
- The importance of the Gods to the Ancient Egyptians and investigate different Gods during this period.
- Ancient Egyptians' methods of communicating using hieroglyphs.

Our Art and D&T work will be linked to the term's themes as well as looking at famous artists and creating art work using various media.

Our English and Drama lessons will also, where possible, be linked to the Egyptian period. The children will be using a range of different styles of writing, from reports to fiction writing.



In Science, we will learn about 'Light' and 'evolution and inheritance'. We will identify how light travels and can be reflected and identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.

In RE we will learn about Justice and Freedom. We will also look at the celebration of Harvest and Christmas.

In Computing children will learn new skills and they will apply the skills taught in other subjects. The children will use the Internet to research information and present their findings using Microsoft PowerPoint.

As well as these topics, children will continue to take part in daily Maths and English sessions.

### PE and Games Lessons

Children will be taught Physical Education primarily by Mr. Elder; this will usually be on the same day each week however please ensure you child's P.E. kit is in school on a Monday and stays at school all week as lessons may change days. Please ensure **that all items are clearly named**. Children will require:

*Black shorts*

*Leconfield School PE t-shirt*

*Suitable trainers*

*Socks (if wearing tights)*

*Track-suit bottoms (for sessions outside in the colder weather)*

*Jumper/tracksuit top*



### Helping at home.

It is important that your child is heard read at home as often as possible; you can help by asking them questions about different characters, checking comprehension of what they have read and by asking what has happened and what they think will happen. They should try to use evidence from the text to 'back up' their answer. Please also ensure that your child's reading book is in school each day. Any work learning multiplication tables will also help your child greatly.



A typical daily routine consists of guided reading before the mathematics and English core subjects in the morning sessions. Topic based work and science is completed in the afternoons. Daily assemblies are held which have various themes throughout the year-these are always stated on the weekly newsletter. In addition to this there is a weekly music session where children are taught either singing or to play a tuned percussion instrument using the Charanga scheme.



As part of our topic, we look forward to our 'Epic Egyptian Day' More information will follow in due course.



Please feel free to send in any items you think would support the children's learning this term Please feel free to send in any items you think would support the children's learning this term