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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a great summer break. It's been a real pleasure getting to know Year 5 this week, and we're really looking forward to all the exciting learning ahead. It was lovely to meet those of you who were able to come along to the 'Meet the Teacher' evening yesterday. If you couldn't make it, the slides will be shared in due course.

Topic

Our first topic this year is 'Tombs, Temples and Tutankhamun'. The proposed content of our lessons can be found on the topic web.

Reading

Our classroom bookshelf has a wide range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry books. The children are allowed to take books home from school, and the children are welcome to bring in any reading books they are currently reading at home to enjoy and discuss in class. We will have a weekly session in the school library for the children to enjoy and borrow books too. We do expect pupils in KS2 to be reading regularly for around 20 minutes a day as part of their homework. The children will be provided with a reading record to document their reading at home and in school.

Burwell House trip

Monday 20th □ Tuesday 21st October 2025

We are all very excited about our trip to Burwell. It is a truly wonderful opportunity for pupils to experience a range of outdoor and adventurous activities that promote resilience and challenge, teamwork, leadership and problem-solving skills. We have a packed activity schedule in the two days that we are there. We will be leaving after register on Monday morning and returning to school by the end of the school day on Tuesday. Many of you took the kit list and medical forms home at Meet the Teacher evening. If you were unable to attend, your child will be bringing home a copy today.

Homework

Next week, the children will bring home a new homework book with their 'Homework Menu' for this half term. Instructions on how to complete homework and when to bring it in were included on the menu.

There will be no weekly spellings set, however being secure in spelling the first 200 High Frequency Words (HFW), Y3/4 and 5/6 statutory spelling words is crucial for the children before they move into Year 6 next year, so we do encourage you to work on these at home. These are readily available online.

PE & MOAT

Our PE days are Mondays and Wednesdays. Your child will need to come in their PE kit on these days. Earrings should not be worn for PE; if your child is not able to take their earrings out it would be helpful if you could do so at home in the mornings and hair should be tied back. We will be taking a flexible approach to Moat time this half term and may go across at different times each week. It would be helpful if the children could have a spare pair of outdoor shoes/wellies that are kept on their peg. We have a class set of waterproof overtrousers that we can be used during wet weather.

Equipment

Children are welcome to bring in their own pencil cases if they wish, but please note that we do have all the necessary resources available in school. If your child does choose to bring in their own equipment, we kindly ask that they only bring essential items to help avoid things getting lost or causing unnecessary distractions. Keeping things simple will help us make the most of our learning time.

Adult Support

We are fortunate to have Mr Brown, Mrs Smithies and Miss Skimmings supporting in class at various points in the week. Mrs Pugh will teach the class on Wednesday morning during my release time.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I am very much looking forward to a successful year with you all.

Best wishes,

Ellis Cooper
Year 5 Teacher