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Welcome Letter to year 5



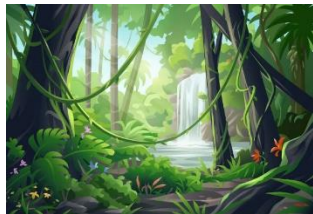
Mrs Johnson & Miss Tyers
Toucan Class



Mrs Andrews-Burrows
Jaguars Class

Dear Families,

Welcome back for a fresh new year! We have lots of new and exciting things planned for our year 5's this Autumn term that we can't wait to share with you. Please keep an eye on Facebook and Seesaw for regular updates about the work we are doing.

STAFFING 	<u>CLASS TEACHERS:</u> Mrs Andrews-Burrows (Jaguars), Mrs Johnson & Miss Tyers (Toucans) <u>TEACHING ASSISTANTS:</u> Mrs Lambert, Mr Smith, Miss Houlton, Miss Cundy Mrs Thorp will also teach during the week.
PE DAY 	PE is on a Wednesday. Jaguars will be learning cricket and dance, whereas Toucans will be doing dance as well as their weekly swimming lessons (cricket will be picked up later in the year. Please wear appropriate, plain sportswear and ensure your child has a water bottle. No earrings to be worn on this day.
SWIMMING 	Swimming takes place on a Tuesday – starting with Toucans then moving on to Jaguar class after half term. We will walk to Victoria Leisure Centre in the morning for their hour swimming lesson. <u>Children need to come to school wearing their swimming costume/shorts underneath their PE kits.</u> They also need to bring their underwear for after swimming and a towel in a named bag. <u>Toucan swimming lessons will start 15th September and finish 9th February 2027</u> <u>Jaguar swimming lessons do not begin until 23rd February 2027 and finish 6th July 2027</u> Please ensure that swimming consent forms are signed and returned.
TOPIC 	Our first topic for this term is Pharaohs! In this topic, we will be learning all about the Ancient Egyptians, their way of life (and beliefs about death!) and we have lots of exciting art projects that will accompany our learning, such as mod-roc death masks, clay canopic jars and lino printing. We will also have an Egyptian Day on the 5th October where children are encouraged to come to school dressed as an Egyptian and our very exciting guests will teach us more about life in Ancient Egypt.

SEESAW 	We will continue to use Seesaw to share work and important information. Please feel free to contact staff using this resource but be mindful that staff will NOT always see messages at the point sent. If something is urgent, we suggest you contact the school office.
HOMEWORK   	TTRS: 10 games per week set on a Wednesday. Spelling Shed 10 games per week – Homework set & spelling test every Wednesday. Reading at least 1 hour per week – please make sure the length of time spent reading is recorded in organisers with an adult's signature. All children who complete all homework will receive Reward Time each week.
WATER BOTTLES & SNACKS 	Please send your child into school with a named water bottle. We will send them home each day to be washed and refilled. We also ask that children are sent with healthy snacks for break.
SUBJECTS 	SCIENCE – Forces and Substances, Matter & Materials PE – Cricket and Dance (& Swimming for Toucans) PSHE - PSHE Matters modules. ART – Death masks, temple art and canopic jars DESIGN TECH – Linkages and levers greetings card COMPUTING – Online safety and programming & algorithms ENGLISH -descriptions, non-fiction and narratives. MATHS – place value, addition & subtraction, multiplication & division and fractions FRENCH – Vocabulary related to today's date MUSIC- During the year the children will also learn how to play a musical instrument called a dood. This is like a clarinet.

We are really looking forward to working with you and your child this term and all the exciting learning opportunities it will bring. If you wish to speak to any of us, please either catch us on the playground, contact the school office or drop us a message on Seesaw.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

The Year 5 Team

