



# Curriculum Newsletter

Primary 5

Term 3

2018-2019



## The World Around Us

(Science, Geography and History)

Our theme for this term is **Ancient Egyptians**. The children will be using ICT along with non-fiction books to research facts about Egypt, including the location of Egypt, Egyptian culture, the hierarchy of the Egyptians and Egyptian gods. Children will learn how the Egyptian way of life and work has shaped civilisations today.

The children will also explore through STEM activities how the Egyptians built the Pyramids, along with a CSI activity translating hieroglyphs to discover what was hidden inside the Canopic jars found inside a tomb!

We are planning to visit the Ulster Museum in Belfast for an educational trip to learn more about the Egyptians. There is an excellent exhibition in the museum which would give real meaning to what the children will be learning about. The date for this trip will be Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June. More details to follow.



### **This term in:**

**Maths:** Our number work this term will include dividing a 2/3-digit number by a single number using knowledge of multiplication facts to help. Please ensure that your child is revising their tables at home to consolidate learning in school. We will be solving problems using the 9 times tables. Children will also be counting forwards and backwards in tenths. In addition to this, children will learn the 4 main points of the compass and develop an understanding of the 8-point compass, exploring angles of 45 degrees. They will also calculate equivalent fractions using their times tables knowledge. Children will convert 12h to 24h clock and vice versa.  
<http://www.coolmathgames.com> [www.topmarks.co.uk/mathsgames](http://www.topmarks.co.uk/mathsgames) and [www.bbc.co.uk/mathgames](http://www.bbc.co.uk/mathgames) are useful sites for mental maths.

**Literacy:** Our class novel for this term is 'The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips', by Michael Morpurgo. Reading is so important, and this year alone we have read 'The Worst Witch', 'The Worst Witch Strikes Again', 'Matilda' and 'The Butterfly Lion' as our class novels. We love to read in Year 5 and I hope the children will continue to foster a love of reading. Children should continue to read at home to improve their AR word count.

In our writing genre, the children will continue to develop the skill of Report Writing through our Theme. This term the focus will be on writing a **Chronological Report (to report on events in the correct chronological order)**. Children will analyse the features of a chronological report and then use this to help write their own report on an Egyptian event.

**ICT:** Our focus for Term 3 is to introduce Movie Maker on the computer. The children have used the iMovie app to record, edit and produce a short movie for a particular audience in Term 2 and they will now progress to using Movie Maker. This will prepare the children for using Movie Maker in their ICT tasks in Year 6. Children can continue to improve their animation and coding skills by using the Scratch website at home. This can be found by visiting <https://scratch.mit.edu/>

### **What else is happening this term?**

**PE:** Children should bring their trainers every Monday and Thursday. This term we will focus on football / ball games along with preparation for **Sports Day (Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June, weather permitting)**. We are very lucky to have Dominic McKinley (Woody) coaching KS2 for 6 weeks in hurling/camogie skills. Children should bring their hurl, helmet and trainers on a Thursday. Spare helmets and hurls are available for those who do not have them.

**Homework:** Children will complete a Literacy homework on Monday and Wednesday and a Maths homework on Tuesday and Thursdays. Children should complete spellings and mental maths in their Learning at Home book every night. **Reading is particularly important for your child.** Reading on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday is an Accelerated Reading book and on Wednesday will be a guided reading book.

**Growing Club:** The last 2 dates for Growing Club are **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June**. Primary 5 have thoroughly enjoyed working outdoors and have made a great contribution to improving the outdoor area in Martinstown. Thank you for all of your hard work!

**Class Trip:** Year 5 end of year trip to We Are Vertigo is on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May. The bus will leave school at 9 am and return at 3 pm. Pupils must wear their uniform and bring a packed lunch, preferably in a plastic bag marked with the child's name. Please also ensure that sweatshirts have your child's name on them.