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Dear Parents,

How quickly time flies! We're into the Summer Term with only 12 more school weeks until your child will be in their final year of Primary School – Year 6! We are all very happy with the progress children are making and the attitude they are developing towards their learning as well as the high standard of behaviour that they are maintaining. We will be carrying out CATs Tests in the next few weeks as well as our end of year assessments in maths and reading during June.

Topics for the Term

This term we are commencing our focus on Ancient Egypt which will include learning about the mummification process, locating Egypt on the world map, using various sources to research the Pharaohs, investigating the pyramids, learning about ancient Egyptian gods, hieroglyphics and much more. We will be spending time sharpening up map skills as we focus on the geography of the UK; making the children more aware of their surrounding environment and the things that make each location unique. Our scientific work will lead us to look at living things: classifying amphibians, birds, insects and mammals. This will involve research, a visit to our pond and woodland area and planting and growing plants from seeds. We are hoping to be able to visit the pond area twice with a month between visits to observe and record changes.

Homework

Thank you for supporting your child with their homework throughout this year. Keep encouraging them to revise times tables, spellings and SPaG as well as continuing to read with your child as much as possible. We understand evenings can be very busy and it's often difficult to find time, however, it really makes a big difference for a child to have the experience of reading (even the newspaper!) with their parent or guardian.

All homework is given out on a Wednesday in their homework folders and should be returned (completed) by the following Week. A reminder that the topic project (completing the 30 Egyptian questions and using creative skills to construct a 3D Egyptian model) should be completed by the end of June.

PSHE

As part of our Personal, Social and Health Education and Citizenship lessons, we are looking at the topic 'Me and Growing and Changing'. The areas to be covered are:

- Physical and emotional changes during puberty
- Hygiene
- Relationships

Swimming

Swimming takes place on Friday mornings from the start of term 6. Children should remember towel, swimming costume or trunks (no knee length baggy trunks please) and goggles would be of benefit. Please make your payment through Parentpay.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Yours sincerely

Mr Haines and Ms Preston
Year 5 teachers

