

## **Year 5 – Autumn (first half term)**

Thank-you so much for your support and patience at the start of this year. Here is some key information and ways to help the Year 5 team to make things run smoothly and support your children as much as possible!



**This half term we are writing a story set in the ancient city of Luxor and also newspaper reports about the moon landings. We will be focusing on place value and then the skills of addition and subtraction in maths. In history, we will be learning all about Ancient Egyptians. In science we will learn about the Earth, sun and moon. In computing we will be learning about digital devices and in PSHE we will look at mental wellbeing. In music, we will be listening to and learning Living on a prayer by Bon Jovi and lastly, in RE we will be learning about Sikhism.**

- ✓ PE is on a **Tuesday** and **Thursday** – please can children wear PE kits to school on these days. Please make sure chosen kit matches weather conditions for the day.
- ✓ Please ensure that your child reads for at least **every day for 5-10 minutes** and record their reading on Reading Rewards. This will really help support the reading we do with your child at school.
- ✓ Water only in class water bottles. This is particularly important as bottles may be kept on tables and juice spillages are sticky!
- ✓ No jewellery please (stud earrings allowed except on PE days).
- ✓ Children are very welcome to bring their own hand sanitiser to keep in class.
- ✓ Healthy snacks for break time please. All snacks should be separate from the children's packed lunches.
- ✓ Do not feel as if you need to queue up for drop-off, if your child is ready and raring to go, please send them in straight away from **8.40am** onwards. Adults will always be in the classrooms ready to welcome children from this time.
- ✓ Please make sure all clothes and other items from home are **clearly labelled** with your child's name, especially Ballifield jumpers, cardigans and fleeces.
- ✓ If you have any reading books from Year 4, please return these to school as soon as possible.
- ✓ We hope to organise trips and visitors soon and will be in touch with more information.
- ✓ As we are unable to have lengthy conversations with the parents at drop-off and pick-up. It can also be tricky to discuss any private matters in public spaces such as at the classroom door. Please email [y5@ballifield.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:y5@ballifield.sheffield.sch.uk) for any non-urgent communications. For anything more urgent, please phone the office and a member of office staff will be happy to assist you or pass on a message.

