



## CURRICULUM NEWS



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you enjoyed the summer holidays and are ready for a busy year. We thought it would be useful to give you some information about the organisation of your child's class, as well as curriculum content.

For English and maths the two 6/5 classes are set by ability. There are three sets which means that the range of ability is much narrower, so all children benefit regardless of their capability. The sets are also varied in size so that the third set has a greater pupil/teacher ratio. This year Mrs McClure will also be working with these sets.

Set teachers are as follows:-

	<b>Maths</b>	<b>English</b>
<b>Set 1</b>	Mr Santy	Miss Stannard
<b>Set 2</b>	Miss Stannard	Miss Leftley
<b>Set 3</b>	Miss Leftley/Mrs McClure	Mr Santy/Mrs McClure

Our first topic will be "Rivers. Later in the term we will be studying life in Ancient Egypt.

### Curriculum Content

Maths.	Place value (Th, H, T, U) , Multiplication, Division, Addition, Subtraction, Fractions, Decimals, Percentages, Money, Shape, Measures, Data Handling
English	Descriptions, stories, poems, letters, journalistic writing, instructions
Science	Water Cycle, erosion, transportation, deposition, pollution in the environment Living things and their habitats

**Headteacher:** Mrs S.H. Bradford

**Deputy Headteacher:** Miss D.K. Stannard

History	Life in Ancient Egypt (including the pharaohs, pyramids, mummies, The Rosetta Stone, Tutankhamun and the story of Howard Carter)
Geography	Rivers (including a trip to Lopham Fen to do field work about the River Waveney) The River Nile
Computing	Coding
Art and DT	In the Ancient Egyptian style, including printing, collage, shadufs
R.E.	Judaism - "What would the world be like if everyone followed the 10 commandments?" Christianity - "How does Jesus inspire Christians?"
Music	Exploring dynamics
P.E.	Wed. - Games - Football, Netball, Rugby Thurs. - Year 5 -Swimming Thurs. - Year 6 - Dance and Gym
French	Simple greetings, classroom objects and instructions, body parts, days, colours

T- shirts, shorts and plimsolls are needed for indoor PE. Trainers are required for out-door games, and during the winter months sweatshirts and tracksuit bottoms are really useful. It may be a good idea to provide your child with carrier bags to put muddy shoes and clothes in. Please ensure named P.E. kit is brought in at the start of the week so that it is available if a timetable change occurs.

All our children have their own locker to keep their possessions in. There is space for a reasonable sized bag and PE bag.

Year 5s will swim every Thursday, starting NEXT week. They will need a swimming costume, towel, bag and goggles (if they wish to use them). Long hair should be tied back or tucked under a swimming hat.

## Homework

We know that homework is a contentious subject; some parents do not want it, others want more! We follow the Government recommendations that Year 5 and 6 children have 30 minutes per night. The timetable is as follows:-

Monday	Reading (15mins) Spellings (10mins) Tables (5mins)
Tuesday	Maths - to be handed in or completed online by Thursday
Wednesday	Reading (15mins) Spellings (10mins) Tables (5mins)
Thursday	Reading (15mins) Spellings (10mins) Tables (5mins)
Friday	English or topic work - to be handed in on Tuesday <i>NOTE: In some cases children will be set a homework assignment to be completed over a period of weeks, e.g. this half term Yr. 6 will produce their Little Canada Diary, while those who didn't go will do a mini research project. In all cases children are given an information sheet outlining expectations and a deadline date.</i>

To help children prepare for home work deadlines at High School and to enable us to mark work, we ask that you encourage your child to complete assignments and bring them to school on time. If work is not done children will be expected to complete it at lunchtime.

## Reading

It would be appreciated if you could encourage your child to read at home. Many children took part in the Reading Challenges last year which helped to create good reading habits. We hope that children will continue to read daily this year. All children have Reading Record Books to indicate the reading they have done each day. If you could spare the time to listen to them and discuss the content the benefits would be enormous. This includes confident, fluent readers.



Children read in school in lots of different ways - they may read individually to a teacher, teaching assistant or adult helper. They may take part in a guided reading session or be asked to read something to the rest of the class, sometimes they will be given a book in their English set and asked to read it at home or in class; whatever they do it all helps to develop their reading skills.

Some children still need some **extra** help and if anyone can spare an afternoon to come into school to listen to readers it would be appreciated. If you can't help but know someone who can (friend, grandparent, neighbour) please put them in contact with us. It does not have to be for a whole afternoon it could be just for the last 20 minutes of the day (or during registration in the morning - 10 minutes per day, several times a week can make a HUGE difference).

## Spellings

Spellings are normally given on a Friday and tested the following Friday. A reminder of the method of learning is in the front of all spelling books.



## SATs

Year 6 children take their SATs during the week beginning 9th May 2016. It is important that your child is in school every day during that and the preceding weeks. **Tests cannot be taken at other times.**

## Dinner Money and Reply Slips

If you have been in the office at 8.45am you will notice how busy and congested it can be. To help the office staff and us, we ask that your child takes dinner money, consent forms for trips, Sports Kit etc. **into class** rather than you taking it to the office.



Before and After School Communication

Please remember our new policy of children lining up outside before school starts so we can come to meet them. If you need to see us please come after school or if it is urgent contact the school office via email, telephone or in person.

Website

Please check our class blogs on the school website - [www.roydonprimary.co.uk](http://www.roydonprimary.co.uk). Please feel free to comment on the activities and work you see, the children respond well to any positive feedback. The blogs will be updated regularly throughout the year.

Little Canada

There will be a meeting for parents of children in **Year 5** to discuss next year's trip on Thursday, **SEPTEMBER 24th at 6.30pm**. Children may come. Following this at 7.15pm we will show **Year 6** children and their parents the video of this year's trip.

We hope this has helped put you in the picture about the term ahead. You will get an opportunity to meet us in at Parents' Open Evening on Monday October 19<sup>th</sup> but in the meantime if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us. We know that some children are not always reliable postmen! So that we know you have received this letter we would be grateful if you could return the slip below as soon as possible.

Looking forward to a busy and exciting year.

Dawn Stannard, Joe Santy, Jo Leftley and Vicki McClure

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Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I have received the Curriculum Newsletter.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_