



Happiness at the heart of learning

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Learning outside the classroom environment is a very powerful teaching and learning tool and we are pleased to tell you about the planned activities that we have booked for this year to support your child's learning in their studies across the curriculum.

Autumn Term 2023

Our first trip has been organised to support your child's study of Ancient Egypt within our 'Archaeologists' creative curriculum theme. We have organised to take the children to The British Museum for a day where they will be looking at the Ancient Egyptian Galleries as well as attending a presentational talk entitled, 'Egyptian Mummies'. This trip will take place on **Monday 27th November 2023**. This trip will allow the children to explore Ancient Egyptian artefacts to consolidate their learning in History.

We will leave school at 9 am and we will travel to London on the Underground; therefore, your child will need sensible walking shoes and a jacket in case of cold weather. We also advise that your child brings a water bottle and a snack to eat for when we arrive in London. This is a full day trip therefore your child will need a packed lunch on this day. We will be aiming to leave London at 2:00pm and anticipate our return to school being 3:30pm. Your child will need to be collected from school at this time via the back gates as usual.

Spring Term 2024

For our second school trip, we will be visiting the Northwood and Pinner Synagogue in order to support your child's learning of Judaism in RE. This trip will take place on **Thursday 25th January 2024**. This trip is a half-day outing, however your child will require a packed lunch as we will be at the synagogue during lunchtime. We will be travelling to and from the synagogue by public transport so please ensure your child is wearing appropriate shoes and layered clothing in case of cold/wet weather. Your child will need to be collected from school at normal time on the day they attend the trip.

We then have a school-based activity booked which involves a visit from Brunel University. They will be delivering a workshop entitled: Isambard Kingdom Brunel. This will involve a presentation all about Isambard Kingdom Brunel: Who was he? What did he do? Why is there a university named after him? Followed by with a bridge building challenge which supports the KS2 Design and Technology curriculum objectives. This workshop will take place on **Thursday 1st February 2024**.

The next exciting activity is to support your child's study of 'Earth and Space' as part of their science learning during the Spring Term. We will be having a visit from Wonder Dome, the mobile planetarium company, where the children will have the opportunity to engage in a 45-minute space show, led by astronomy specialists and teachers. This experience will take place on **Tuesday 27th February 2024.**

Summer Term 2024

During the Summer Term, our first planned experience will be a local artist visit and workshop. The workshop will be focusing on how to create portraits and the children will apply these skills to create their own artwork. This will take place **Wednesday 17th April 2024.**

The next activity is to support your child's study of 'The Vikings and Anglo-Saxons' within our 'Invaders and Settlers' creative curriculum theme. We have organised for the Marvellous History LTD company to deliver a full-day workshop. Children will be given a rounded view of who the Vikings and Anglo Saxons were, where they were from, and the important legacy they have left behind. Children will become a Viking or Anglo Saxon for the day, discovering how people lived, worked and travelled between the years 400AD and 1066AD. Our visitor will bring replica artefacts from daily life such as tools and clothing, as well as armour so that children can learn raiding, trading and invading. This will take place on **Wednesday 1st May 2024.** On this day, children will be encouraged to come dressed up as a Viking in order to be fully immersed in the experience. More details and costumes suggestions will be sent out closer to the time.

Finally, to support your child's study of the artist William Morris as part of their Art and Design learning in the Summer term, we will be organising a visit to the V&A (Victoria and Albert) museum where the children will be able to view first-hand some of his artwork. The dates for this trip are yet to be confirmed but you will be notified once these are set.

Whilst the school is able to subsidise some of the expenditure this year, we are asking all families to **contribute £20** towards your child's educational experiences this year. You can spread the payment over the year and this can be paid via Eduspot. Do contact the Office should you wish to do part-payments instead.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us to give your child the best opportunities in life.

Yours sincerely

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Year 5 teachers

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