



Greatstone Primary School & Nursery

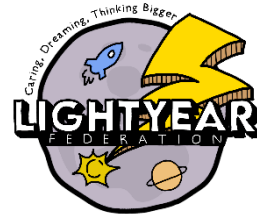
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Hello!

Welcome to a new school year.

It has been a pleasure to welcome your child back into school this week and it has been a pleasure getting to know them. They are a lovely bunch! As a new member of staff, please bear with me as I get used to new systems and ways of working.

During the Autumn term, our Project is **Ancient Civilisations**. We focus on Sumer, Ancient Egypt, and the Indus Valley Civilization which represent three of the world's earliest "Cradles of Civilization". Flourishing during the Bronze Age.

Our two whole school themes in Autumn are: '**Roots**' (term 1) when we'll try to answer the overarching question of who we are and where we belong; and '**Survivors**' (term 2) where we'll try to answer the question how people overcome challenges and adapt.

The school value we are highlighting in Autumn is '**Care**' and we have already created a class vision about what it looks like to care for one another and the classroom. Some of the things that are important to the children is that we look after belongings and create a calm space so everyone can learn. There are lots of class jobs to help reinforce the value of Care which the children have already been allocated.

In **Science** our focus is animals including humans where we will cover digestion, teeth and food chains. and Invasion Games in **PE**. (PE will be on a MONDAY and WEDNESDAY)

In **Maths** we are focussing on Place value, addition and subtraction. But always with a keen eye times tables skills in order to ensure children are prepared for the national multiplication test towards the end of the year.

In **English**, we are going to write a diary entry and some instructions and recipes for disgusting dinners

Homework will remain the same as last year: daily reading, weekly spellings and termly KIRFs with a Project based piece of homework of your child's choice, linked to the Egyptians would be lovely but your child can make/write something about anything they feel passionate about.

At the end of Term 1, I would like to invite you (date to be confirmed) to come into school and look at the showcase the children will put together of their learning this term. Please keep an eye on classdojo for important dates.

I am looking forward to working with you this year.

If there are any concerns or questions, please contact me via email: allenj@greatstoneschool.com

Best wishes,
Mr Allen