

GROVE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Grove Road and the start of a new academic year. I hope you and your families all had a lovely summer holiday. I am delighted to be teaching in Year 5, and I am really looking forward to spending time with your children. I thoroughly enjoyed my first week and I hope we continue to build a strong sense of calm, focused energy and togetherness in Year 5.

Below are some of the things we are learning this half-term in English and Maths as well as the homework expectations for this term:

English	Maths
Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG): - Colons - Precise verbs - Dialogue - Superlatives - Cohesive devices Speaking and Listening: - Speak confidently within formal situations using Standard English - Use questions to keep conversation flowing Genre of writing to be covered within topic: - Fiction: Alternative story version - Non-fiction: Writing explanations for an exhibition Spelling: - Year 5 and 6 content as publicised in the National Curriculum, Spelling Appendix (from page 18) We will also have daily reading comprehension sessions.	Number and Place Value: - Reading, writing and comparing numbers to one million - Making number patterns - Rounding numbers to various powers of ten Addition and Subtraction: - Counting on and counting back - Adding and subtracting within one million, individually and sequentially Multiplication and Division: - Multiples and factors - Prime and composite numbers - Squared and cubed numbers - Multiplying and dividing by powers of ten 2/3-digit x 1-digit, 4-digit multiplication, 2-digit x 2-digit, 3-digit x 2-digit - Dividing with and without remainders
Homework	Books We Will Be Reading
Pupils should be reading for 20 minutes every night. Mathletics and Reading Eggs are set every Friday for the week ahead. Times Tables Rock Stars should be used daily. Planners are checked every Thursday morning, and must be signed.	<i>Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx</i> by Joe Todd-Stanton Class Library book (for use in the classroom only) Library book (coming soon) I will also be reading a variety of books for children to listen to, enjoy and make us think.

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Our topic this half term is ‘Why were some people mummified?’ in which we will be learning about the Ancient Egyptians. This will also be highlighted through our class text *Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx* in Reading, English and History lessons and a trip to the British Museum to see the Egyptian exhibitions. We have already enjoyed experiencing Egyptian artefacts on loan to our class from the Chertsey Museum. The children did a fantastic job at observing the artefacts, handling them with care and asking some fantastic questions!

In Science, we will be looking at Forces and Mechanisms. In Art and Design, we will be exploring the craft and design involved with architecture. We are also looking forward to learning how to play the ukelele and practise our performance skills through learning Bon Jovi’s *Livin’ on a prayer* in Music. We will build our French language through the topic of ‘Bon appétit, bonne santé (Healthy Eating)’. In Computing, the children will be developing interactive games. Our R.E. focus will be ‘What is the best way for a Sanatani to show commitment to God?’. In P.E., we will be playing rugby and keeping fit, and swimming lessons are planned for later in the term – more information about this will follow. Finally, in P.S.H.E., the children will be considering how they and others are special and unique in their own ways.

Please don’t hesitate to e-mail me on violet@groveroad.hounslow.sch.uk if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

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Leader of History

Leader of Geography

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