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Dear Parents,

Well, how time flies when you are having fun and half term is upon us already! It was lovely to meet so many of you at parents' evenings and to hear about the learning your children have enjoyed this half term.

The half term started with an immersion into the world of archaeological discoveries in Ancient Egypt, where the children wrote diary entries based on Howard Carters discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. Continuing with our topic of Ancient Egypt, a highlight of this half term has been exploring the mummification process, which culminated in the children mummifying oranges! We know that many of the children have loved exploring this topic in history and we have been impressed by the wonderful learning that has been taking place at home too.





We were also lucky enough to take part in a poetry workshop run by the inspirational poet Antosh Wojcik. We used the surroundings of our school grounds to inspire the children to create poetry around the theme of 'refuge'. Antosh and the West Sussex Arts Society, who organised the workshop, were blown away by the children's creativity and final poems.

This half term, we have also enjoyed a sports leader PE session with Mr Meany and PE lessons with Zach, our sports coach. The children have made great progress with their basketball skills and finished the unit with an interhouse tournament.... The scores aren't in yet... but watch this space.

A few reminders...

- PE Kits Your children will continue to do PE when it's cold. Please make sure they have full school PE kit, including a jumper suitable for sport. Year 5 have their PE lessons on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- Reading records We have loved seeing all the reading you are doing at home. Please do encourage your children to fill in their reading records and make sure it is in school every day.

Well done to all of Year 5 for such a successful start to the year. We hope you all have a lovely rest and return to school ready for more exciting learning!

We wish you a good half term,

The Year 5 team









