

Dear Parents,

We hope you have a restful and enjoyable half-term break. This is an outline of the subjects we will be covering during this time:

<b>Topic/History</b>	We will continue to explore The Ancient Egyptians.
<b>Science</b>	We will start a new topic States of Matter exploring liquids, gases and solids.
<b>Maths</b>	In Maths, we will focus on the following areas: subtraction (including column subtraction), addition and subtraction word problems, multiplication and division (including finding factor pairs and using a written method to multiply two and three digit numbers by one digit), time, perimeter, area and fractions. Times tables will continue to be a regular focus.
<b>English</b>	In English, we will focus on the features of non-chronological reports and children will write their own using information on Egyptian Gods. We will be exploring explanation texts through our science topic - states of matter. Towards the end of term, children will read a book by a significant author working towards using speech in their writing.
<b>PE</b>	Dance-Egyptian Dancing Games-Gross motor skills/Multi skills games <b>Please note the change of days for PE lessons for all classes.</b> 4W and 4J – Monday and Tuesday 4M and 4B – Tuesday and Thursday <b>Please ensure your child arrives at school wearing the correct kit.</b>
<b>RE</b>	The focus will cover what the monastic traditions within Christianity show us about living in a community, explore the concept of peace and the Christmas Story.
<b>Computing</b>	We will learn about social and technological conventions for collaborative online work, using Wikispaces to create Wiki pages. The information pages will link in with our topic of the Egyptians.
<b>D&amp;T</b>	We will investigate, design and make story pop-up books with lever and linkage systems.
<b>French</b>	Will focus on 'En Classe' learning about classroom objects, colours, saying your age and classroom instructions.
<b>Music</b>	We will continue to develop the children's understanding of pulse, rhythm and introduce dynamics and structure into lessons. The focus will be on Christmas songs in its historical context-Five Gold Rings.
<b>PSHCE</b>	As a continuation of the first half term's theme of rights and responsibilities, pupils will be considering their responsibilities in taking care of the environment.
<b>Trips/Activities/Workshops</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2018-Ancient Egyptian Day Details to follow. Two classes on each day.

<b>Homework</b>		
Friday	Spelling words	Tested the following Friday
Friday	One piece of written homework (in homework book) and one piece of online learning (e.g. Education City).	Due back Wednesday

Yours sincerely,