

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after what we hope was a restful break. This is an outline of the subjects we will be covering during the first autumn half-term.

Autumn 1	Key Question: Where will a journey down the Nile take me? Great work: Making and exploring Ancient Egyptian boats.
Science	In science, we will be learning about states of matter and exploring solids, liquids and gases.
Maths	In Maths lessons, we will focus on place value, including partitioning, addition and subtraction of powers of 10 and multiples of 10. We will then move onto using mental and written methods for addition and subtraction. Multiplication tables will be revised on a regular basis. Further practice of times tables at home is vital to help support children using this knowledge across many aspects of the maths curriculum.
English	In English, we will be using the River Nile as a stimulus to write descriptive poetry, stories and explanation texts to show how the Ancient Egyptians used the river in their daily lives.
PE	Gymnastics and Games each take place once a week. 4C - Tuesday & Thursday 4L - Monday & Thursday 4W - Monday & Tuesday Please ensure your child arrives at school wearing their PE kit.
RE	To study Siddhartha Gautama who came to found Buddhism and the teachings that followed with a focus on beliefs.
PSHCE	We will discuss strategies which help us to be calm, handle our feelings and how to solve problems. This will involve looking at control signals and the steps we can take, to help us to manage our feelings in different situations.
Computing	Our computing unit is 'We are software developers'. The children will design, write and debug a simple educational game using the software Scratch.
Art	To learn how figures were represented in Ancient Egyptian art; draw and paint figures in the Ancient Egyptian style.
French	We will focus on saying hello and goodbye, asking and saying your name, asking and saying how you are? Learning nouns and counting 1-10.
Music	Music and styles of the 70s and 80s, analysing performance, Sweden as a country. Our focus song will be 'Mamma Mia'.
Dates/Other information	Thursday 12 th September – Year 4 Meet the Teacher meeting (3.45pm in the Junior site hall) If your child knows who is collecting them at the end of the school day there is no need to notify the school office of these arrangements. You should only let the school office know if there has been a change to the plan and if we need to let your child know. Many thanks.

Homework		
Friday	Spelling words	Tested the following Friday
Friday	One piece of written homework (in homework book) and one piece of online learning.	Due back Wednesday

Yours sincerely,

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