

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are all thrilled with the positive start the children have had this school year! As the children have settled in their new classes, we are excited to share with you what we will be learning about this term!



Our first topic in Year 4 is 'Tomb Raider' where we will be learning about the Ancient Egyptians. So far, we have become archaeologists and discovered and explored ancient artefacts. We now know how to write in hieroglyphics and have been practising in various ways. We have also started learning new skills and practising our writing for an exciting story about entering an Egyptian tomb.

In the coming weeks, we will be investigating Egypt as a country and a holiday destination. We will research, take notes and create fact files and brochures. The children will compare modern day Egypt to the past of the pharaohs - learning about their rituals and afterlife beliefs. We will take on the role of Howard Carter and follow in his footsteps into the tomb of Tutankhamun. The children will use all their knowledge over the weeks to write their own poetry, non-chronological reports and stories about Ancient Egypt.

#### **Year 4 Information and Reminders:**

##### **HOMEWORK:**

##### **Project Time!**

**As we are learning about Ancient Egypt this term, we would like you to complete a project which you will bring into school and share with the year group before half term. This can be anything of your choosing - a story, a piece of art, a piece of music, an information leaflet, a Powerpoint presentation, a poster, a 3D model... Be creative! Be imaginative! Have fun!**

**Projects will be due in on the Monday of the last week of term (15th October)**

Reading	Spelling	Times tables	English	Maths
Daily (Books changed once children have quizzed)	Daily (New spelling lists stuck in red homework books every 3 weeks. Weekly test on a Friday)	Daily (Weekly test on a Wednesday - the children will be working on the times tables relevant to their own level)	Weekly (Sheet stuck in homework books on a Friday and due the following Friday)	My Maths (We will set new homework units as we cover new areas in Maths lessons - please see the time frame given for completion)

- Children will receive spellings every Friday and will be quizzed the following Friday. These are in their red homework books and the children are given activities to help them learn their spellings.
- They will be given weekly English homework on a Friday and this will also be recorded in their red homework books. Homework is due in the following Friday please.
- We will set maths homework on Mymaths.co.uk and this will need to be completed in the time frame given; they have recently been given their passwords and usernames as reminders.

#### READING:



- Children will choose two reading books - one is matched to their reading level (Accelerated Reader book) and one is a free choice from our library collection. They should be reading daily with an adult please and discussing their understanding with you. We will no longer be using reading logs however we encourage you to record any reading in their red homework books. Teachers will be recording reading notes in our assessment files.
- The children will also have time to read their books in class and are able to change them once they have completed a quiz on the book. All quizzes must be completed in school.
- If your child is reading a book from home which is on the Accelerated Reader system, they are more than welcome to bring the book into school to take the quiz!



#### OTHER INFORMATION:

- The children need to bring their PE kits in on Monday morning and then take them home on Friday after school to ensure they are in school for all PE lessons.
- Children can and are encouraged to bring their own water bottles into school.
- We use Classdojo across the school to reward the children for their hard work. Please sign up and discuss your child's dojos with them.
- We also use Seesaw to record evidence of your child's learning. Please keep an eye out for a reminder of how to connect with us on Seesaw.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Yours Sincerely,

The Year 4 team,

Mrs Colledge, Mrs Oliver and Miss Berry.