

Monday 4th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you have all managed to have an enjoyable and restful winter break and that you are ready for the year ahead.

It is undoubtedly going to be another busy and interesting term as we are exploring our new enquiry: '**What were the wonders of the ancient Egyptian temples, tombs and treasures?**'

We will be exploring life during the Egyptian civilisation guided by the children's own questions:

- *How did the ancient Egyptian civilisation begin and end?*
- *How did the ancient Egyptians live?*
- *Who were the ancient Egyptian pharaohs, gods and goddesses?*
- *Why and how did the ancient Egyptians build the pyramids?*
- *Why was the afterlife so important to the ancient Egyptians?*
- *How did we discover evidence of the ancient Egyptians?*

Key reminders:

- Please ensure that your child always brings a **water bottle** to school.
- Please ensure that children remember to keep their correct **PE kit in school for the whole week**. The kit is a house colour T-shirt, dark shorts (summer and indoor) and tracksuit bottoms (winter and outdoors), socks, trainers or daps in school for the whole week. As well as this, a jumper, coat and trainers are advisable for the colder winter months as we may be going out to do P.E come rain or shine! Children wishing to be excused from PE will need a note from home or a message on Class Dojo.
- Please encourage your child to read as much as possible and record this in their home-school contact books whether it be a story, non-fiction text or a magazine. Please can your child bring in their school reading books and home-school contact books every day so that we can read with them and keep an eye on how regularly your child is recording their reading. Children will be rewarded for reading frequently.
- Homework and spellings will be set termly. Spellings will be tested on Tuesdays. Homework will be shared and celebrated in class at the end of each term. We have high expectations of children with regards to homework and we ask that every child completes their chosen task in full and to the highest standards expected in class.

If you have any questions, concerns or children's celebrations, please continue to contact us through Class Dojo. Please be aware that teachers may not be able to respond to messages immediately and if they are posted during teaching hours. Please also feel free to email us via the contacts on the school website/newsletters should this be easier.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Marsden and Miss Gerrard