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Dear Parents/Carers

Our first theme is the Wonders of Ancient Egypt! This will allow the children to learn about the fascinating history of the Egyptian culture from the hieroglyphs, the process of mummification, the use and purpose of make-up and jewellery to one of the Seven Wonders of the World, the Egyptian Pyramids!

This theme will allow the children to develop their geographical skills locating Egypt, its neighbours and geologically unique features, such as the River Nile. The children will use traditional and digital maps to study the area of the world where Egypt is located.

Studying Ancient Egypt will allow the children to explore the rich history of that period in human history. Children will learn where the Egyptians 'fit in' chronologically in history, securing their knowledge and understanding of world history and how their achievements shaped the world over time. The children will see how archaeologists have pieced together the lives of Ancient Egyptians using an array of sources from hieroglyphs; Howard Carter and burial sites, which of course include the pyramids! We will also be taking a trip to Cliff Castle to learn even more about the process of mummification!

Our new unit also includes, science work on forces. The children will have the opportunity to take on some Egyptian-like labour and create pulleys and levers, in order for them to understand how the pyramids were built. This will incorporate designing and evaluating our designs for moving heavy objects using pulleys and levers.

Our oracy work will focus on participating in discussions, presentations and debates. This work will focus on Howard Carter, historical figures and relaying research they have learnt on topics such as the River Nile and other aspects of Egyptian life. We will also explore Ancient Egypt through the arts by sculpting scarabs out of clay!

In English, we will be writing a biography and a non-chronological report while reading the story '*I Was There*'.

In maths, we will be learning about addition and subtraction before moving on to multiplication and division. This will include, adding and subtracting more than four digit numbers, estimating and approximating, inverse operations and work around multi-step problems.

Our RE unit is 'Why are some journeys and places special?' In Computing, we will be developing our internet safety through lessons on Self-Image and Identity and Online Relationships and then we will learn how to use google docs to create and edit documents.

This term the girls continue their swimming lessons, while the boys are doing French in school. The topic for PE is dance where the children will compose, perform and evaluate dances using a range of movement patterns.



Finally, the children will be learning to play a musical instrument in year 5, the ukulele. I think the teachers and children are all **very** excited to learn to play it this year!

Helping at home:

As well as ensuring that your child completes their weekly homework, you could:

- Research Ancient Egypt on the internet and Purple Mash.
- Use Purple Mash to explore coding.
- Why not take a look at the following websites:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zg87xnb>
<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Egypt.html>
https://www.ducksters.com/history/ancient_egypt.php

If you have any questions or would like to help, please call in to see us.

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