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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to a thrilling new term! We are so excited to launch our incredible new topic: **The Wonders of Ancient Egypt!**

Here is a look at the exciting adventures we have planned:

- **History:** We will step back in time to discover how Pharaohs ruled, how the pyramids were built, and how everyday Egyptians lived, farmed and traded. The children will become history detectives, using real artefacts and maps to piece together the past.
- **Geography:** We will map out Egypt, its neighbouring countries, and the mighty River Nile.
- **Art and Design Technology:** Creative hands will be busy! The children will design carved clay scarab beetles and build working levers and pulleys to test how the heavy pyramid stones were moved.
- **Science:** We will be exploring the power of forces.
- **Trips and Special Events:** Learning will come alive with an Egyptian dance workshop, an immersive *Now Press Play* audio experience and an exciting trip to Cliffe Castle to discover the secrets of mummification!

English, Maths and Languages In English, we will read *I Was There* by Sue Reid, craft our own detailed biographies and practise our spoken language skills through fun class debates. In Maths, we are mastering large numbers, place value and complex problem-solving. In French, the boys will practise their conversational skills.

RE, PSHE, Computing, Music and PE We will explore the big question, "Why do some people go on pilgrimage?", learn about positive friendships in PSHE, and practise online safety. In computing, we will be learning how to quiz and all about google docs. For PE, we will be playing team invasion games, and the girls will begin their weekly swimming lessons. Year 5 will also start learning to play the ukulele and learn the classic song *Living on a Prayer*.

It is going to be an unforgettable theme full of discovery! Thank you for your continued support.

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

- Research Ancient Egypt on the internet – maybe look at the British Museum's website
- 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

Recommended Reads
Little People Big Ideas Treasury Set by **Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara**
The Academy by Leo K. Doyle

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

Warmly,
Mrs Young and Mrs Illingworth
The Year 5 Team