

Headteacher: **Mrs Lizzie Christopher**

## **Term 1 – Ancient Egyptians**

Dear Parents and Carers,

11th September 2020

Welcome to Year 4! We hope you had a restful summer holiday and are looking forward to the new term as much as we are. It has been lovely to see how quickly the children have settled back into school life and are thoroughly enjoying our new topic 'Ancient Egyptians'.

### **Arrival and collection**

Arrival time for Year 4 is 8.50. Please make sure that children arrive at this time and not earlier (unless your child has siblings which start earlier) as we are trying to reduce the number of people at the staggered drop off times. If you wish to speak to the class teacher, both class teachers will be available at the end of the school day - any urgent messages are to be relayed through the school office. If your child is going to be collected from school by somebody else, or you wish to give them permission to walk home independently, please inform the school office.

### **P.E.**

Your child will have P.E. on a Monday and Thursday every week. Please ensure your child comes into school wearing an appropriate P.E kit. If your child wears earrings, please can you either remove them on P.E. days or provide tape (micropore is ideal) to cover them. The children will be responsible for applying and removing the tape. We do require long hair to be tied back for P.E sessions for health and safety purposes.

### **Homework and reading**

Reading books are chosen from the school library and all children are encouraged to read every night. When your child is ready to return a library book, it will be placed into a dated box until 72 hours has passed. These will then be placed on the shelves for borrowing. We encourage you to read with your child and enjoy discussing elements of the book. Each child will have a reading diary to record their reading in. Please make sure these are completed when children read so that we can see the frequency of reading and range of books and texts that the children are encountering.

Homework is set both termly and weekly. At the start of term, children will receive their spellings to learn throughout the weeks and the knowledge organiser for our topic. Both of these will need to be learnt as the term progresses and we encourage you to support your child in managing their learning time effectively. A homework book will be sent home each week containing a multiplication grid to be completed. In the summer, Year 4 children will be sitting a statutory times table test and as a result, learning the times tables facts is a very important part of being in Year 4.

### **Drinks and snacks**

The school will no longer be offering snacks on the snack trolley at break times. Children will need to bring a healthy snack with them for break times. We also recommend that children have a water bottle so that they can stay hydrated throughout the day. Please make sure that these are clearly named to avoid any confusion.

**Download the SCHOOP App**

To receive current information and updates from school, please ensure you have downloaded the 'Schoop' app to your mobile device or computer and have selected Year 4 and your child's class. Our Schoop ID is 23055.



Many thanks,

Mr Mead and Miss Beale