

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a fun filled Christmas and have taken the time to make precious memories with your loved ones. We are thrilled to be welcoming you back to school and wish you all a happy new year, we are praying for peace, love and happiness in 2022. We have lots of exciting topics to explore and we cannot wait to get started! Miss Bagley (trainee teacher) will be working alongside us this term.

Homework will be sent via Seesaw on **Tuesday** and returned by **Monday**. Paper copies are available upon request. Spellings will be handed out and tested each **Thursday**. Any additional tasks relating to other subjects will be uploaded to Seesaw- so please ensure you check this regularly.

Learning times tables in years 3 and 4 continues to be a huge focus. We have a subscription to TTRS and expect children to access this for 10-15 minutes per day. A National test will take place at the end of year 4. Each week we have a class battle, the overall winner of this battle will get the honour of receiving the class trophy to keep for the week.

An adult will hear your child read on an individual basis at least once a week, though the day may vary - it is therefore important that reading books are in school every day. May I also take this opportunity to remind you of the impact that regular reading at home will also have on your child's progress. Your child must complete a quiz and an adult will enter the results into their home diary.

### **Maths**

Children will focus on various aspects of maths, including:

- Multiplication and division (written methods).
- Length, perimeter and area.
- Fractions and Decimals.
- Arithmetic.

### **English**

The focus text in English is 'Secrets of a sun King' by Emma Carroll, we will be writing short stories, newspapers and letters. The SPAG focus will include:

- Speech marks.
- Fronted Adverbials.
- Main and Subordinate clause.
- Conjunctions.
- Reading skills.

**ICT** We will begin the term covering vital e-safety skills, continuing the use of the Smart Crew and we will take part in the national e-safety day in February. This half term we will focus on using Publisher as our digital literacy platform.

### **Science**

Our science this term is based on the topic named 'Animals including humans'. We will learn about the human body; specifically bones and muscles. We will look at nutrition and diet.

### **History**

We will be learning about Ancient Egypt, where we will focus on the fascinating findings of archaeologists including Howard Carter. We will also learn about the pyramids.

### **PE**

This half term we will be focusing on Athletics and swimming. PE will take place each **Monday** and **Tuesday**, school PE kits should be worn on both days. Swimming continues to be on **Tuesday**.

### **RE**

The first focus is journeys. We will explore the liturgical year and will learn about special feast days. We will be learning prayers, Glory Be and the Lord's Prayer. We will be looking at Islam and then we will begin the Sacramental preparation topic of the Eucharist.

### **Art**

The children will develop their drawing and painting skills further, linking with the Ancient-Egyptians History topic. We will explore a range of art ideas, including hieroglyphs, portraits and Ancient-Egyptian crowns.

### **Music**

The children will practise keeping a steady pulse with different tempos, perform rhythms from notation using percussion and tuned instruments, listen to musical pieces from different traditions and begin to compose and perform short musical pieces.

### **RSHE**

The children will explore ways of maintaining and developing good, positive and trusting relationships. They will also investigate strategies that can be used when relationships go wrong. We will develop their awareness of the dangers of bullying, harassment and abuse - emotional and physical - and how to recognise it and seek support.

### **French**

We will be looking at masculine and feminine vocabulary, we will concentrate on classroom instructions and items. We will then look at portraits where we will learn how to describe people in French.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Tervit and Mr Gilbert