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Dear Parents

I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful break over the Easter period. The children have returned with smiles on their faces and seemingly ready for their last term in year 4. Summer term is always a busy time of year in school so please read on for important dates and information.

PE

Our PE slot this half term is Thursday 10:45 – 12 and Friday 9:30 – 10:30. Please can I ask that you make sure that your child has their correct PE kit in school at all times – this includes appropriate footwear. If children are unable to take part in PE due to a medical condition or illness, then they must have a note from you for them to be excused from the lesson. If it is a long-standing illness, then a note from their doctor will be required.

Homework

Homework will remain the same this term with most of the work being set online through Google Classroom. It will usually consist of TT Rockstars, Doodle Maths, Doodle English and Spell and reading. The idea behind this is that by setting homework on programmes that the children are very familiar with (due to the time we allocate for them during the school day) it should mean that the children can complete them independently. That is, however, not to say that you cannot assist your child's learning if you wish – especially with the reading. I would note that in general last term the homework completion rate for Squirrel Class was very low, so please give your child the odd reminder throughout the week to make sure it doesn't slip their mind.

Topic

Our topic this term is history based as we will be learning about Ancient Egypt. English lessons will be based around the book – Secret of a Sun King by Emma Carroll. We will also spend time looking at how people lived in Ancient Egypt including their education, their homes and general day-to-day life. Additionally, we will look closely into the process of mummification and will attempt the process in class (just not with real people!)

Egyptian workshop

I have managed to arrange an Egyptian workshop to be delivered to us from Heritage Trust on Wednesday 15th June. It will run in school-time from 1-3pm so no special arrangements are required. We have had the workshop numerous times over the last 4 or 5 years and the children always find it thoroughly entertaining and educational. Activities include making Ancient Egyptian date bread and taking on the role of archaeologists by digging for hidden treasures!



As you can see we have an extremely busy term ahead of us and the children are very excited about all of the events that lay ahead. We are looking forward to another positive term and appreciate your continued support.

If you have any queries about the information in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

My kindest regards

Mr James Bisgrove