



'Enjoying Learning Together'

7 September 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

We have begun the new term full of energy and enthusiasm for learning. We have so much to look forward to!

Our new Topic is called "Temples, Tombs and Treasures", a History unit in which we will be learning about the Ancient Egyptians. We will also focus on the key historical skills of chronology. This topic will involve a trip to Bristol Museum to do an artefacts workshop. We will also use the topic to explore some geography skills.

In English we will be looking at making our writing more interesting with fronted adverbials and increasing description. We will look at a range of stories and types of texts; including letters, reports and diary entries.

In Maths, we are going to spend the next few weeks working with place value and number, deepening our understanding of how the number system works, with particular regard to larger numbers. This will include negative numbers and representing numbers in different ways.

We will be having PE lessons on a Tuesday afternoon. **All** children need to have their PE kits in school all week, comprising of sensible footwear and appropriate sportswear (no vest tee shirts). We will be swimming on Friday afternoons.

Later in the term, the children will begin Chess sessions on a Friday.

Homework will be given out once a week. Spellings will be given on a Thursday and tested the following Tuesday. The children will need to practise their 'Learn Its' at home as well. We still expect children to read at home at least 3 times per week. Please make a record of this in your child's reading record.

Please ensure your child's belongings are clearly labelled, including school jumpers and PE kit.

Best wishes
David and Daniela
Y4 Team