

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and that your child is looking forward to the term ahead. I thought I would inform you of a few things that you will need to know about.

### **Topic**

Our topic this term is called 'Ancient Egypt' and our Science focus will be animals and their habitats. Attached to this letter is a curriculum overview for the spring term.

### **Homework**

Homework (English and Mathematics) will continue to be set on a Thursday for it to be completed and handed in by Tuesday of the following week. We encourage parental involvement in homework, especially if your child is experiencing difficulties. However if they do need further support, please advise them to come and see me, or via the parent feedback on their homework sheet.

Please continue to encourage your child to read at home (independently and to an adult) on a regular basis (daily if possible but at least 3 times a week). These should be recorded in your child's reading record book. Their reading record book and reading book need to be in school every day so that adults in school can hear your child and record their comments. It is also important to discuss what your child has read to help develop their reading comprehension skills.

### **Spellings**

Thank you for your constant support at home with your child's weekly spellings. It is great to see the children growing in confidence with their spellings and applying and explaining their spelling rules to their classmates. Weekly spellings and its rule will continue to be sent home on a Monday, ready for a spelling test on Friday of the same week. Please continue to support your child with their spellings and remind your child to bring their Spelling Home Log Book into school on Fridays to highlight any words they didn't get right in their test.

Children who get more than one wrong will need to do further practice over the weekend ready to be retested on the following Monday. I will notify you if this is the case.



### **'The Daily Mile'**

This term, we are introducing the 'Daily Mile' (Run a Mile) throughout the school to promote being active and having a healthy lifestyle and to help your child concentrate in the classroom. All classes will participate in the 'Daily Mile' three times a week and will need a pair of trainers or daps in school at all times to change into after lunch.

### **P.E. and Forest School**

A P.E. kit will be required for P.E. on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon (unless the class is doing Forest School), however their full P.E. kit should be in school at all times as we sometimes have these lessons on different days. Please ensure your child has the correct kit for lessons and all items, including their school uniform are clearly labelled. No jewellery is to be worn and earrings must be removed.

On a Thursday afternoon, the children will have a Forest School. Please refer to the bottom of the newsletter or the school app to find out which dates your child will be involved in forest school and the clothing they need to wear.

Should you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to see me at the end of the school day or make an appointment at the office.

Thank you and kind regards

*Miss Williams*

