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Friday 12th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you had a great summer and are excited to kick off another fun and successful school year. My name is Miss Ribera Hurtado and I will be teaching Year 4 – Palmer this year.

During the Autumn term, we will be covering the following topics:

Autumn 1: Tomb Raiders

Maths: Place value, addition and subtraction	English: 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes
Science: Animals including humans	DT: Making Egyptian Shadufs
Religious Education: People of God	History: Ancient Egyptians

Autumn 2: Rise of the Romans

Maths: Area, multiplication and division	English: 'Varjak Paw' by SF Said
Science: States of matter	Art: Adding surface detail to drawings and using sketchbooks to record visual information from different source
Religious Education: None Religious World Views	History: When did the Romans invade and why?

In Music, we will learn about 'Mamma Mia' and in Autumn 2 we will learn about 'How does music teach us about the past?'

In order to support your child's learning please use some time at home to research the topics we are studying and take an interest in what has been completed at school. Your child will continue to bring home a reading record and reading book, which we expect them to read at home and bring into school every day. We suggest that you listen to your child read **each night**, as this will vastly improve their reading and writing skills. Please remember to sign their reading record each time.

In the Summer term of Year 4, your child will need to complete a *Multiplication Tables Check*, to support them with this please practice times tables at home including through the use of the Times Tables Rockstar website. Spelling tests will be carried out on **Fridays**, you will have received the spelling lists by now which are also available on the school website.

PE lessons will take place on a **Monday (outdoor)** and **Wednesday (indoor)** each week. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing the correct kit for both indoor and outdoor PE lessons, and that all items are clearly labelled. The PE kit should include black, grey, or navy jogging bottoms, a **plain** white t-shirt, and black trainers. Earrings and any other jewellery should not be worn on PE days.

Class trips will continue and we will inform you of any plans as soon as they are made. If you are able to join us on any upcoming school trips, please let me know as this would be much appreciated.

Thank you for your support,
Miss Ribera Hurtado

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