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Dear Year 4 Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a wonderful summer break and are feeling refreshed and ready to start your child's new academic year in Year 4.

This half-term our learning will be based around **The Egyptians**. Our theme of **Tomb Raiders** links with this and we shall be finding out about this exciting topic across English, History, and DT. Our topic in Science is **animals including humans**. This will involve learning about classification of animals and learning about our digestive system. We will continue to learn a wide range of skills in mathematics, including **place value** and **the four operations**. In RE we are thinking about the five pillars of **Islam**.

In Autumn 2, our learning work will be based around **The Romans**, and we shall be exploring this topic across English, History, and Art lessons. Our Science topic will be **states of matter**, and our RE topic will be **Buddhism**. We will continue our work on **multiplication and division**, and explore the topic of **fractions and decimals**.

We are hoping to go on frequent class trips and will inform you of any arrangements nearer the time.

Homework will be given at the beginning of the half term; please see the homework menus in your child's homework book for further information.

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 also brings home a reading record and reading book every day which we expect them to read at home. We suggest that you listen to your child read **at least three times a week, each time signing their reading record. Please make sure your child has their reading book and reading record in school every day, as individual reading will take place.**

Spellings will be given out for the year and should be learnt each week for a test which will take place every week. In Year 4 there will be a particular focus on **times tables** ahead of the statutory Multiplication Tables Check in Summer term. There will be a weekly test to track progress. Your child can continue their learning at home through playing 'Times Tables Rockstars' online. Log-in details will be provided in their reading records. We look forward to your support with these tasks.

Your child is expected to bring their PE kits into school ahead of PE lessons. PE will take place on **Tuesdays**. Swimming will take place on **Monday** for Elliott Class and **Thursday** for Palmer Class. Further information regarding swimming will be provided. Please ensure your child has the appropriate kit for PE lessons especially when the weather becomes colder.

We look forward to getting to know you and your child and supporting them in their learning.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

Ms Henning – Elliott Class Teacher

Mr Phillips – Palmer Class Teacher

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