

Dear parents and carers,



We hope that you had a lovely, healthy Easter break and enjoyed the sunshine.

This first half of the term much of our learning is going to be based around the Amazing Egyptians. With our *History* hats on we are going to see what we can find out about Ancient Egypt. In *RE* we are going to find out about the Israelites and how it was to live in Egypt at this time. In *Science* we are going to investigate light and dark and see what impact these two contrasting phenomenon had in the Egyptian world. We will also be looking at the uses of the River Nile and what Egypt is like today.

The Egyptians were an inventive civilisation and we will look in depth at one particular invention in *Design Technology* and attempt to recreate a working shaduf. We are also organising a trip to Haslemere Museum to enhance our Egyptian knowledge further and where we will hopefully get some hands on experience with the mummification process!

Finally, as has become a tradition in Beech Class we will be holding an **Egyptian Feast on Thursday 19th May**. This is an opportunity for the children to cook some traditional Egyptian food and come **dressed up as an Egyptian** for the day (or something linked to Egypt – I was a pyramid one year!)

After half term, we may need to finish off some of our Egyptian work but we will then be turning our focus to a different part of the world – MEXICO! But there will be more to follow on this later on in the term.

PE - Please make sure that PE kits are in school **EVERY DAY** – we will be checking these on a Tuesday to ensure that everyone has suitable clothing and footwear ready for dance on Thursdays and Athletics with Mr Johnson on Friday afternoons. (Swimming in our school pool will not start until after half term.)

Spelling – Spelling groups will continue this term, so please check the front of the children's **new purple home school reading and spelling journal** to see what day they will be assessed on their spellings (for the majority of children this will not have changed.)

Reading – We would like you to continue to record any reading your child does at home at the back of the purple home school reading and spelling journal but we will be changing the reading incentive scheme again this term so watch this space for an update! But please encourage your child to read at least 3 times a week!

Times Tables – Times tables will be a big focus this term so please encourage your children to log on and play TT Rockstars (their login will be at the front of their purple books) or help them practise in any way you can! Children in Year 4 are due to take part in the statutory government Times Tables assessment but as yet we have no further information on this – but we will let you know as soon as we do! I do however know, they will have 6 seconds to answer any times table question up to 12x12.

Maths Matters challenges – these will continue and will be completed every week. So again any support you can give them at home is so helpful – you will be able to see their level in their green MM Challenge books that come home each day.

General classroom equipment is permitted to be brought in from home but please can we ensure this is in a SMALL pencil case. Water bottles are encouraged but should be taken home each day. Shoes or slippers maybe worn in the classroom but bare feet or just socks is not permitted as this is a safety risk.



We are looking forward to a fantastic summer term with our Brilliant Beech Team (we will again be supported by Mrs Anstee and Miss Clements). If there are any further questions that you have please don't hesitate to grab me on the playground or send an email to the office,