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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term 2. I hope you all had a restful half term and feel ready for the next half term. This term is always a busy one as we look forward to Christmas as well as all the other events such as Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day.

Our learning journey for Term 2 is 'The Ancient Egyptians' focusing on the question: What do artefacts tell us about ancient Egypt? We will look at how the ancient Egyptians lived and compare that to how we live our lives now. We will learn about the mummification process, the building and purposes of Pyramids, and the importance of Egyptian gods in everyday life in ancient Egypt. This will link with our work in English.

In English we will be looking at the book 'Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx' by Joe Todd Stanton, who is a local author from Brighton! We will explore the adventure story and create our own stories in this style. In addition, we will do some non-fiction writing about ancient Egypt and be exposed to various ways to record and present factual information. We will continue to have weekly key word focuses where we will explore different ways in class to learn specific spellings. These will become our non-negotiable words where we will use word banks in class to ensure we are spelling words accurately in our written work. We will also continue to do some phonics lessons, using the Sounds Write program started in Key Stage 1 last year.

Your child will continue to take home reading books weekly. We have noticed that bringing them back has been inconsistent and we encourage the children to bring their books and their reading records back on Monday/Tuesday to have fresh books for the week. Please read at home with your child daily to support their progress and record this in their reading record. We continue to read with your children in a variety of ways; whole class shared reading, guided reading carousel and 1:1. If your child is a free reader, they are welcome to read books from home or our book corner. All children will also be visiting the library fortnightly so will have the opportunity to take free choice books home. Please help them to look after these books.

In maths we will start the term by continuing addition and subtraction. We will solidify our knowledge of exchanging and understand the terminology used in word problems to know what operation to use. Closer to Christmas we will be moving on to look at multiplication and division. This will include multiplying and dividing by 3, 4 and 8. In this unit the children will also have the opportunity to practice these times tables to support their understanding of multiplication and division

For science this term our topic is light. The children will be encouraged to investigate different light sources and to consider how shadows are formed. We will also be exploring the difference between opaque, transparent and translucent. The children will also create an investigation to find out how reflection works and the relationship between light and reflection.

Our school value this term is resilience. We will link this to our PSHE lessons, considering what this means, and continuing to focus on building positive relationships. This will run alongside Anti Bullying week activities which will be an opportunity for the class to think about kindness, friendship conflicts and

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effective communication. We will explore stereotyping and respecting differences. We will also continue to remind ourselves and use the Zones of Regulation in exploring our emotions and building toolkits to support them.

We continue to have PE on a Tuesday (yoga) and Thursday (PE). Please have your child come into school in full PE kit on those days. On Tuesdays we will have yoga and on Thursday we will be focusing on sending and receiving skills which involves learning how pass a ball using hands or feet, sending a ball to a target in various ways and receiving the ball.

Our art this term will have a history focus and link to ancient Egypt. We will use the element of design to create our own Canopic jars using a paper mache and layering technique.

We continue to alternate Music and French lessons over the term. In Music we will continue to explore rhythm and beat on tuned and untuned instruments, and in French we learn how to say and respond to classroom instructional phrases.

RE will continue to focus on Christianity. We will review our learning from last term about 'What do Christians learn from the Creation story?', before starting our enquiry of 'What is it like for someone to follow God?'

In Computing we will learn how to research effectively on the internet, by searching with key words and learning how to read for information on websites. This unit is embedded with our learning journey on ancient Egypt.

Homework will continue to be set on Fridays to be completed by the following Wednesday. It will usually be an online MyMaths task, key words to learn for the week and an activity based on one of our lessons from that week. All homework will be set on Seesaw and can be completed and handed in on there too. Please do let us know if you have any problems with Seesaw and need paper copies of homework.

Yours sincerely,

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Year Three Class Teachers

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Year Three Support Staff