



April 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

We would like to welcome back all our pupils, and their families, after the Easter break. We hope that you and your family had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday.

During this term, we shall continue to have high expectations of our pupils. It is important that they remain organised. Please ensure that your child has the correct equipment in school for all lessons and that the Planner and Reading Record is used to record daily reading at home. Please also ensure that all uniform and equipment is clearly labelled. So far there has been minimal lost property in the Year 4 area; let's try hard to maintain this.

Over the next half term, Year 4 will be following a unit of work on a theme that focuses on 'Coasts'. In our five week study of coasts, we will be creating a beach chest display filled and decorated with items likely to be found on a visit to the coast. We will be using water colours to create an artist's impression of a variety of different coastal landscapes. Pupils will use pastels and collage materials to create a seagull.

We will be comparing four different poems and discussing the images they convey. The children will then create a poem, in the style of their choice, of a visit to the coast.

Pupils will be learning about different rock formations found at the coast and will learn how soft/hard rock is affected by weathering, deposition and erosion. Biscuits and sweets will be used to demonstrate how some landscapes are more vulnerable. Pupils will find out about Happisburgh, Norfolk and the devastating effects of coastal erosion there.

We will be making a model of a coast and adding our own sea defence ideas and creating the many landforms created after erosion - stacks, arches, stumps and caves. Pupils will learn how these are formed.

In the second half of term our topic is 'Temples, tombs and treasures.' As part of this unit we will be studying the location of Egypt and the direction, size and importance of the River Nile.

Pupils will compare daily life at the time of the Egyptians to their own everyday life. We will be studying Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb and how this discovery helped develop global knowledge and understanding of rituals and beliefs after death.

Pupils will investigate the construction and purpose of the pyramids and the Sphinx.

In Art, we will use hieroglyphics to make name plates out of clay, produce canopic jars and a replica of Pharaoh's head dress. Pupils will also produce a tomb wall painting on fabric.

In Music, we will be learning the 'Mummy rap.' The topic will conclude with an Egyptian day hosted by 'History Off the Page.'



### Forthcoming Events

As part of the PE curriculum, Y4 pupils will be swimming on Thursday mornings between 11am and 12noon at the Knox Johnson swimming pool. The lessons will take place on the following dates: 23 and 30 April; 21 May; 4, 11 and 18 June. Please ensure that your child has the correct swimming kit for that day. If there are any parents who are able to assist the staff in walking the pupils to and from the pool, please speak to one of the Y4 teachers.

A reminder that from the Y4 pupils will be undertaking their residential visit to Norfolk between 6 and 8 May. There will be an information evening for parents about this trip on Monday 27 April at 6.30pm.

We look forward to Sports Day on Wednesday 8 July (Thursday 9 July reserve day).

You will receive your child's annual report in July and it will be followed by an opportunity to discuss the report with the class teacher.

It has been a continued pleasure for staff to work with Year 4 and we all look forward to a positive and successful summer term.

Yours sincerely

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