

# WELCOME BACK!

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2012

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely half term. We have a fun-packed, exciting half term of learning planned and are looking forward to continuing your children's learning journey.

## Theme Work



Our theme this half term is 'How gruesome was Ancient Egypt?' In this theme unit we shall be learning all about life in Ancient Egypt. We shall be researching aspects of daily life, the role of Gods, Goddesses and Pharaohs, also discovering the gory details of how they prepared for the after-life. Our science work will be related to rocks and soils. We will be investigating the permeability and importance of both rocks and soils within our daily life. In RE we will be learning all about Hinduism; their way of life, festivals and pilgrimages.

## Literacy

In Literacy we will be exploring and writing non-chronological reports about Ancient Egypt. We will also be doing an author study on Anthony Browne. Spellings will continue to be sent out on Mondays and will be tested on Fridays.

## Numeracy

In Numeracy we will continue to learn key facts and these will be assessed each Friday during our Big Maths Beat That sessions. This half term will consist of 5 weeks of number work and 1 week of shape work. In our number work lessons we will be continuing to focus on developing the children's mental maths skills, counting in steps of different sizes, adding and subtracting, multiplying and dividing. In addition to this we will also be focusing on problem solving.

## Other Activities/Reminders

- If you have not already done so, please send in named wellies in a bag for Forest School, which will take place on Thursday afternoons. We go out whatever the weather; therefore it is very important that your child comes to school with a **coat, hat and gloves** on that day as the weather can be cold. It is also advisable to send girls in **trousers** on that day where possible.
- Please send a clearly named water bottle for the children to keep outside the classroom.
- Library will be on Wednesday afternoons - please remember to return your book if you have finished enjoying it so another can be borrowed.
- Please could we ask that you continue to support your child with their reading at home, noting any reading done in their message book.

We hope this information has been helpful. Remember to check our class page on the school website regularly for further information and updates about our learning journey. Should you have any questions or wish to speak to either of us, please jot a note in your child's message book or make an appointment via the office.

Here's to a fantastic half term!

Mrs Bate & Miss Clarke