

# EYNSHAM COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Everybody Learning, Every Day

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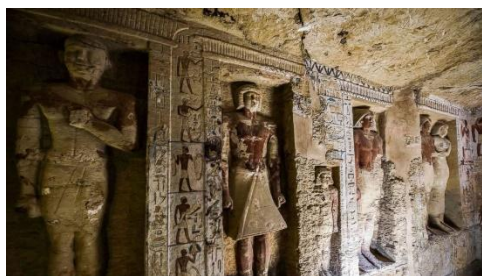
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## Welcome to Year 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you and your families have enjoyed the Christmas break. The new school year has got off to a great start and we have all been really impressed with how ready, respectful and responsible the children are being in our classes.

### What your child's year group will be learning this term:



**Ancient Egypt:** In this history-led topic, the children will learn about the Ancient Egyptians. They will explore the lives of Ancient Egyptian people, their social hierarchy, the role of a Pharaoh, ways in which the Ancient Egyptians dealt with death and their belief in the Afterlife.

The books 'Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx' and 'Cinderella of the Nile' will form the basis of much of the children's learning in English. They will be tasked with writing for a variety of different purposes including, an explanation text, a biography, adding a new dilemma to a narrative and writing a diary. Please see the attached overview for more details about your child's learning in terms 3 and 4

(up until Easter).

### Ways you can support your child's learning at home:

**Reading** - Please find time to share a book with your child at least 3 times a week. When your child reads at home, they can record this in their Reading Record. When they record three reads, either at home or within school, they will receive a house point. Reading Records will be checked on a weekly basis and a class total of reads calculated. These scores will then go into a whole school competition where the class with the most reads will receive a certificate. Three certificates will result in a class reward! Children are welcome to borrow books from the class collection to enjoy at home.

**Maths** – Children will be expected to practise their times tables using Times Table Rockstars. Please see your class teacher if you would like a reminder of your child's log-in details. Using Times Table Rockstars will significantly help and support your child to improve their speed and recall of times table facts. Children will be tested on these in a national Multiplication Check in the summer.

**Spelling** – As last term, the children will be set a short list of spelling words to learn each week, along with a short task to complete linked to these words. Spelling homework and activities will continue to be set on Spelling Shed

<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/>



### **Uniform:**

Children should wear plain white or blue polo shirts, grey skirts, trousers, shorts or pinafore dresses, and blue sweatshirts or cardigans. Socks should be black, grey or white and tights should be blue or grey. Footwear should be smart black shoes. Please make sure that all items are named. No make-up or jewellery should be worn except for simple stud earrings, and long hair should be tied back please.

### **PE kits:**

All children will need a NAMED sports kit suitable for indoor and outdoor PE this term. This may get muddy and will need to keep them suitably warm; it must include a pair of trainers to change into. PE kit should come to school with your child on Monday, ready for the week ahead and should be taken home to be washed at the weekend. Children are not allowed to wear any jewellery during PE lessons. Children with long hair must have it tied back. Jackdaws are going swimming during the first half of this term, with Woodpeckers going after half term. Children will need to bring a bag containing a swim hat, swimming costume/shorts and a towel for each lesson.

### **Water bottles and snacks:**

Children can have a named water bottle in school. This needs to be taken home every day to be washed out and refilled. We also recommend sending in a piece of fruit for break times; children get very hungry by lunchtime if they have nothing to eat mid-morning.

### **Important dates for your diary:**

Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday	International Day
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February		Trip to the Ashmolean Museum
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February		Children's Mental Health Week
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February		End of Term
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February		Start of term
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February		Parents Evening
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February		Parents Evening
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March		World Book Day
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March		Performances of Year 4/5 show to parents (babies and toddlers welcome (1:15pm))
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March		Performances of Year 4/5 show to parents (6pm)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March		Red Nose Day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March		End of Term at 1:15pm

If you have any questions or concerns, please do come in and let us know. We are looking forward to working with you and your children this year.

Have a great term!

Miss Paterson and Miss Warrington

