

## YEAR 3 SPRING 2017

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year - welcome back to a new term. Many exciting things are planned and we hope you will enjoy hearing about them from the children.

The main topic for this term is a study of Ancient Egypt. The children get very excited about this and will probably want to tell you all the gory details. If they have any books or other information they want to share, a good time for this would be during their history lesson. We will be giving the children a 'Learning Log' book which they can use for recording any additional research work they wish to do for this topic. Our study will include a visit to the British Museum where the children will gain first-hand experiences of Ancient Egyptian artefacts. Our art work for this term will include a study of patterns, looking particularly at those used by the Ancient Egyptians.

In science we will be continuing our work on 'Sound' then moving onto 'States of Matter' and, after half term, we will move onto a study of 'Food and Nutrition'. Linked to this we will be making pasties as part of our D.T. work. In RE we will be studying Judaism looking particularly at the 'Torah' and the Passover festival.

Homework continues to be set. This is given out on a Wednesday, to be handed in by the following Monday and usually alternates between English and Mathematics. Times tables are tested on Fridays.

At this time of year it is important that your child **wears a coat** to school as it can be very cold at play times and we may need to have activities outside. PE lessons are on Tuesday for Blackbirds & Fridays for Chaffinches. As swimming has now finished, the children will be having their games lesson on a Thursday afternoon. PE kit should include plimsolls, T-shirt and shorts (+ a spare pair of socks for girls wearing tights so that they can go on the apparatus). In addition the children will need a pair of trainers, tracksuit trousers & a sweatshirt (not the school sweatshirt) for Games lessons (a reminder that all kit needs to be **named**).

### DIARY DATES

**Mon, 13<sup>th</sup> – Fri, 17<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
**HALF TERM**

**Mon, 20th February**  
**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**

**Tues, 21<sup>st</sup> February**  
**TERM 4 BEGINS**

**Tues 21st March**  
**Parents' Evening**  
**3.30-5.30pm**

**Thurs 30th March**  
**Parents' Evening**  
**3.30-8pm**

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> March**  
**British Museum Trip**

**Fri 31<sup>st</sup> March**  
**LAST DAY OF TERM 4**

**Tues 18<sup>th</sup> April**  
**FIRST DAY of TERM 5**

Class teachers – Mrs Whitewood, Miss Ward,  
Mrs Royal (PPA) & Mrs Harrison (PPA)

Teaching Assistants – Miss Tonna, Mrs Short, Mrs Hanson

