

Monday 6th January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the lovely festive break! We hope you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing winter holiday. We hope everyone is well rested and ready for the year ahead.

It is undoubtedly going to be another busy and interesting term as we are exploring our new enquiry: **'What were the wonders of the ancient Egyptian temples, tombs and treasures?'**

We will be exploring life during the Egyptian civilisation and thinking about our wonderings;

- How did the Egyptians live in such a hot place?
- What do hieroglyphs mean?
- Why and how did they make mummies?
- How big are the pyramids and why were they built?
- Who were the pharaohs?
- When did the ancient Egyptians live and why did their empire collapse?
- What did they believe happened to them when they died?
- What did they believe in?

Just a few reminders:

- Please ensure that your child always brings a **water bottle** to school.
- Please also ensure that children remember to keep their correct **PE kit in school for the whole week**. The kit is a house colour T-shirt, dark shorts (summer and indoor) and tracksuit bottoms (winter and outdoors), socks, trainers or daps in school for the whole week. As well as this a jumper, coat and trainers are advisable for the colder winter months as we will be going out to do P.E come rain or shine! Children wishing to be excused from PE will need a note from home.
- Please encourage your child to read as much as possible and record this in their home school contact books, whether it be a story, non-fiction text or a football magazine, it all counts! We will be looking in the home school contact books regularly so please can children bring them in on a daily basis.
- Homework and spellings will be set termly. Homework will be shared and celebrated in class at the end of each term. We have high expectations of children with regards to homework and we ask that every child completes their chosen task in full and to the highest standards expected in class.

As have an open door policy at Red Oaks, please come and see us if you have any questions, concerns or children's celebrations! We will be available briefly in the mornings at the door or if a longer session is needed we can arrange a mutually convenient time afterschool. Please also feel free to email us via the contacts on the school website/newsletters should this be easier.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Hall and Miss Gerrard