Welcome to back the Spring Term. Please find below an outline of our curriculum.

Our topic is Ancient Egypt.

We will be studying about the pharaohs, the importance of The River Nile, farming and daily life. We will also look at temples and pyramids as well as mummification. I have booked a trip to the British Museum on Tuesday 6th March and on the Friday of that week we hope to have a special Egyptian day in school led by a company called Portals into the Past.

<u>Science</u> The class will be investigating sound in the first half term. Later on, the topic will be forces and magnets. They will use their skills of observation and recording as well as planning and carrying out practical_tasks.

Literacy The children will complete writing in different genres such as explanations, reports and recounts. We will continue to work on spelling, punctuation and grammar. For fiction, we will be reworking traditional tales by adding a modern twist. The children will also continue to practise their handwriting.

<u>Maths</u> We will continue the 4 number operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, developing written methods further. The children will also

revisit place value, fractions and decimals. They will study 2D shape including angles and perimeter as well as different graphs. Work over the term will include mental maths and plenty of practice on multiplication tables.

R.E. This will be with Mrs Charter and she will be working with the class on a topic about Hinduism.

<u>P.E.</u> The children will be doing gymnastics on Wednesday morning and they have rugby with a coach from STAGS on Tuesday afternoons. They will need their PE kit **every week**.

<u>Art</u> We will be producing some topic themed work as well as doing drawing and painting.

<u>French</u> In their French lessons the children will be studying different body parts, transport, number work and ongoing classroom instructions with Mrs Brignall.

<u>Computing</u> will be taught by year group and the class will work with Ms Allen on word processing.

Some reminders

Please to continue to hear your child read aloud at home. Many of the class have now read the 6 books for their Bronze Reading Challenge and have started on Silver. Regular reading not only allows your child to become fluent, but also helps to improve spelling and expand their vocabulary, which is essential in improving their writing. Please support your child to bring in his/her PE kit every week. It causes disruption and delay if several children are without the correct kit. As washing PE kit between Tuesday's rugby and Wednesday's gym could prove difficult, we suggest any plain white t shirt/vest worn under a hoody with tracksuit bottoms for rugby and their Little Gaddesden white PE top and shorts for gym (no footwear needed).

Weekly maths homework is set by Mrs Brignall on Tuesdays and English and /or topic homework by Mrs Cotton on Fridays.

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