



## St John's Walham Green C of E Primary School

### Information for Parents - Summer

**Year Group: 4 Term: Summer Class Teacher: Ms. Brown and Mr Stock Date: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017**

Our main topic this term is 'Ancient Egyptians'.

#### REGULAR TASKS

**Reading:** Please find time to read with your child every day for around 20 minutes away from the TV or loud music and ensure you sign and date their Reading Records. You should ask your child questions about the book they are reading to think about the story further and encourage them to use expression and recognise punctuation. The children have challenge sheets inside their reading records and should write their own comments at least three times a week. Your child will also take part in a 'Guided Reading' session with their class teacher.

**Spelling:** Children will continue to receive their weekly spelling lists – the spellings will be linked to the weekly spelling lessons and revisited during the week, but they should also practise them at home and complete their spelling sentences. The children will be tested on these on a Friday morning.

**Maths:** The children will continue to receive a weekly maths number facts task, set using Mathletics, for them to complete at home.

**Literacy:** This term we will be reading the book *Varjak Paw* by S.F. Said. We will be focusing on applying the grammatical features that we have learnt across the year, including noun phrases, metaphorical language, possessive apostrophes, fronted adverbials and subordinate clauses, when writing for a range of purposes.

**Maths:** We will start by the term by looking at money, applying our knowledge of decimals and place value to help us solve money problems. We will then move onto measure, focussing on mass, volume and length. Finally we will work on calculating the area and perimeter of a shape.

**Science:** In science we will be learning about electricity, including its uses and dangers, recognising the symbols for electrical components, and learning how to create a circuit.

**Computing:** In Computing we will be working on creating spread sheets and coding.  
**Music:** We will be continuing to learn the descant recorder, adding the notes F sharp, C sharp and high D to our repertoire and working towards our red and yellow Recorder Karate belts.

**Topic:** This term our topic will be the ancient Egyptians. We will learn about the building of the pyramids, the mummification process, and about their Gods and culture.

**PE:** Your child will continue to take part in weekly PE (Monday) and Kung Fu lessons (Wednesdays).

**RE:** We will be learning about the roles of leaders and followers within religions.

**French/Mandarin:** Your child will continue to take part in a weekly mandarin and French session.

**Art/Design and Technology:** In DT we will be creating Egyptian themed pop up books.

**Music:** In Music lessons the children will be continuing to learn to play the descant recorder and will be working towards their orange Recorder Karate belt.

**Homework:** Your child will receive one piece of homework each week in relation to the work we have been doing in school to support their learning and skills. This will be given out on a **Thursday** and will be due back in on a **Tuesday**.

We will also send home a set of spellings for your child to learn in preparation for a weekly spelling test. This will be carried out on a Friday.

**A small amount of dedicated time at home each day for reading/homework will help your child to reinforce their learning and progress well.**

*You are always welcome to come and see us with any questions or if you would like further advice or ideas of how you could further help your child at home.*