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Dear Parents/Carers,

It was great to have such wonderful weather over the Easter holidays. I hope you had time to relax with your families and enjoy this time. I'm so looking forward to the summer term as it is always such a fun and busy time with so much to look forward to.

Learning Experiences

Throughout this term, we will be embracing our unique way of studying through our Learning Experiences so the children can experience history through the Ancient Egyptian and studying the science of sound and electricity. Following is a little insight into what each learning experience will be about, I haven't gone into too much detail so as not to spoil the surprise element. As usual all our learning experiences will have a hook and an end goal, together with a series of personalised steps for each learner. We continue to model writing to children as part of our approach and are really pleased to have Rebecca Webb for the University at Chichester working with us on a Thursday.

Secrets of the Pharaoh

This is a history focused learning experience and the children will be learning how the Ancient Egyptians lived and studying in detail the discovery of King Tutankhamun's tomb by Howard Carter. We will be having the History Man visiting on this first week back to allow the children to question an expert in this area of history. From this learning, Tiger Class will be writing their own newspaper reports on the finding of the tomb focusing on how to use quotes in their writing. Parents will be invited into the class to celebrate this work on Thursday 9th May 2019.

Sound

This is an exciting science based Learning Experience where the children will be learning how vibrations cause sounds and how sounds travel, as well as how sounds can change pitch and loudness. Tiger Class will be carrying out a variety of experiments to investigate these concepts and see how they work.

Super Powered

This topic will be a science focus where the children will learn about what electricity is and how it was discovered. They will identify which appliances use electricity in their homes and how to keep themselves safe. Tiger Class will construct circuits, start to create pictorial circuits and conduct an investigation into how easily different types of switches can break and reconnect a circuit.

Matilda

This is a whole school Learning Experience where the children will be watching Matilda at the Mayflower Theatre in Southampton. More exciting details to follow.

Animation

The class will be studying computing in the history of animation and creating their own sequence of animation.

Food Glorious Food

During this design and technology Learning Experience, the class will be making different savour and sweet dishes and learning about healthy eating. This will include looking at food groups and what composes a healthy diet.

Reading

We are very lucky to be starting our whole class guided reading with the text 'The Nowhere Emporium' by Ross MacKenzie with each child being given their own copy. The children have a new Class Reading Journal for all the work during our reading afternoon to go in. This will be kept at school for easy access and daily spelling practice.

Finally, **please** make sure that the green Reading Journal are brought to school **every day** to record your child's learning and experience of reading. This was quite inconsistent with some children over the last half term.

Maths

Maths will be taught separately from the learning experience. In Tiger class, we will be continuing with decimals, including rounding, ordering and rounding. This will be followed by money and time. It would be great if you could practice these at home before we start these in the classroom. Next we move onto statistics which will involve interpreting and comparing charts and starting to use and understand line graphs. Finally, we will be studying geometry. To start this aspect of maths we will be studying the properties of shapes including angles, triangles, quadrilateral and symmetry. Next we will move onto position and direction including position and movement on a grid.

Home Learning

Home Learning Journals will continue to be sent home every week on a Thursday and need to be returned by the following Tuesday. This includes the week's spelling focus and a specific times table for your child to practise. A number of recommended activities and resources will be on a 'take home' sheet for each learning experience.

PE

PE will be on a Monday afternoon learning gymnastics and on a Wednesday morning with Curtis focusing on different athletic skills ready for sports day. Year 4 will also participate in the Daily Mile on days when PE is not taking place.

Please do feel free to catch me at the end of each day about any concerns that arise about your child.

Kind Regards

Mrs E Woolnough

Year 4 Teacher