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Dear Parents/Carers

Discovery Class Curriculum Newsletter

We hope you have had a restful summer break and we'd like to welcome you back to school and to the Autumn term! The children have had a really positive first week and are working hard to get used to the new ways of working.

Our enquiry topic for this half term is, 'How can we follow the footsteps of the past?' and this is heavily based around our History topic on the Ancient Egyptians. We would like to outline our learning for this term and remind you of our classroom procedures.

Please see attached medium term plan for the learning covered in Discovery Class this half term. Please note, that children will be taking part in a Recovery Curriculum for two weeks to settle them back into school life and to remind them of the skills needed to be a successful learner and member of our school community.

Homework, which is generally literacy and numeracy, will be set each Friday and we normally give children a week to complete it. The homework this year will be set on Google Classroom where feedback and marking will be given. Mrs Halliwell will be keeping in touch with the children via this learning platform. As a suggested guideline, homework should take 20-30 minutes to complete. If children are unsure of the task we are happy for them to come and discuss their homework with us during the week. We are also pleased for parents to support their children. Homework will commence next Friday, after the children have had a chance to settle back into school routines.

Instead of children bringing home a reading journal like in previous years, we are going to set up an online reading record document on Google Classroom where you can record when you have heard your child read. This will be checked regularly by members of staff. We would ask that you listen to your child read or discuss their reading with them at least **three times a week (more than this is also encouraged!)**; signing their online journal after each read - children will get stickers and dojo points for this. During the week, children can also earn dojo points and stickers for positive behaviour and attitudes to learning. The children will have a separate reading book that they keep in school for independent reading times.

For PE, children are required to wear their PE kits into school and home again on the day that they have PE, which will be a Thursday with Mr Lowman. There is no need for their school uniforms to be brought to school.

If you have any queries, please feel free to phone or email to arrange a time to discuss these with us.

We are looking forward to a fantastic term!

Yours sincerely,

Lisa McLaurie, Joanne Stephens and Shirley Groves