

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

This term our topic 'African Tales' is based on a collection of stories by Gcina Mhlope and Rachel Griffin, which we will use to learn more about traditional storytelling across the continent of Africa. We will link this learning to the history of Ancient Egypt, which we will begin by being 'Egypt Detectives' during our trip to the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

### Home Learning

**All Home Learning must be handed in by Tuesday to give time to mark it, ready to send the new tasks home on Wednesdays.**

### Spellings

Thank you for your feedback at parents' evening regarding spellings. As many children are not bringing their spelling sheets home to practise, we will send them by Parentmail each Monday. Spelling tests will continue to take place every Friday.

### Reading

There are only a handful of children who are bringing in their reading diary as a record of the reading they do at home. It would be excellent to see some more children doing this – diaries can be completed by your child, but it's beneficial for them to read to an adult twice a week, to support with more complex vocabulary.

### Mathletics

In the recent Maths assessments, we noticed that many children in the class are lacking in accuracy when working independently.

Mathletics is an excellent way for your child to recap and practise what they have learnt in school, so please encourage them to use it 2-3 times a week, for no more than 30 minutes at a time.



### General Reminders...

PE lessons have changed slightly and will now take place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. It is essential that children have a **full, labelled PE kit in school, including a water bottle**. If they don't have their kit, they won't be able to take an active part in the lesson.

### Forest School sessions:

This term, we have one Forest School session on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April. On this occasion it will be a shorter session due to iSing Pop rehearsals, so children will not need to bring a change of clothes. We are planning to take the whole class to the RHS Spring Festival (The Malvern Show) on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May – more information will be sent home soon.

### Water Bottles and Coats

Several children come to school each day without a water bottle and then complain of feeling unwell. **Please make sure your child has a refillable water bottle in school and brings a coat each day**. Our lessons don't always take place in the classroom, so we need your children to be prepared for outdoor learning, whatever the weather!

Mrs Boswell

Mrs Voss

### Class 4 Topic Overview Term 5

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Year 4</b>
<b>Theme</b>	African Tales
<b>Christian Value</b>	Friendship
<b>English</b>	Stories from other cultures
<b>Maths</b>	Decimals Measurement – money and time
<b>Science</b>	Light
<b>ICT</b>	Photo stories using Movie Maker
<b>History</b>	Ancient Egypt
<b>Geography</b>	Africa
<b>R.E.</b>	Judaism - Passover
<b>Art &amp; Design</b>	African themed art
<b>Design Technology</b>	
<b>P.E.</b>	Mr Tanner
<b>Music</b>	iSing Pop rehearsals and concert
<b>P.H.S.C.E.</b>	
<b>French</b>	Where in the world?
<b>Wow Events</b>	Ashmolean Museum – 18 <sup>th</sup> April Japan Experience Day – 24 <sup>th</sup> April Malvern Show – 10 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Assembly for Parents</b>	
<b>Community Links</b>	iSing Pop concert – 20 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>SMSC</b> <b>Social Moral Spiritual and Cultural</b>	Forest School – 17 <sup>th</sup> April