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Friday 7th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are all well and have had a restful Christmas break. We really enjoyed being able to see so many of you at our Egyptian Museum in December.

This term our overarching topic is called Kingdoms. We will be finding out about the United Kingdom in Geography, learning about the animal kingdom in Science and will be reading some exciting class books including *Around the World in Eighty Days* and *Kensuke's Kingdom* in our English lessons. More details about our learning intentions can be found in our topic overview.

Both classes will continue to have outdoor Games lessons on Monday afternoon and PE on Friday morning so pupils will need to come to school appropriately dressed in PE kit on those days. We highly recommend tracksuit bottoms, school jumpers and extra layers throughout the cold weather. Please ensure everything is named- just in case!

We are doing all we can to keep pupils and staff safe in school. One of the steps we are taking is to keep our windows open so that fresh air can circulate. Due to the cold weather outside it has meant that the classrooms can feel a little chilly so we recommend vests and layering to keep everyone warm enough. Please ensure that you continue to take lateral flow tests and get PCR tests if your child is experiencing any of the 3 main symptoms set out on the Government's website.

Our residential trip to Kingswood in Bembridge is now only 4 months away (Monday May 9th- Wednesday May 11th 2022). By now you should have paid your non-refundable **£50** deposit in October, further payments are as follows:

£35 to be paid in by **February 1st**, another payment of **£35** by **March 1st** and a final instalment of **£35** by **April 1st 2022**. Scopay has been set up to receive payments but please contact Miss Rorich in the office if you have any trouble using the site.



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We intend to host a meeting in the second half of this term for pupils and parents, in order to talk through some of the finer points of the trip- such as what pupils need to bring and the activities that we hope to be able to do. We will inform you of the date once it has been confirmed. In the meantime, feel free to check out the Kingswood website which has a useful section specifically for parents: <https://www.kingswood.co.uk/activity-centres/isle-of-wight/>

Homework will continue to be weekly spellings to practise and times tables work- this can include time on Times Tables Rockstars. We do not expect this homework to be returned once completed as we will be testing spellings and multiplication facts in school. Daily reading is also strongly encouraged- this does not have to be a school book but anything that your child enjoys reading, just write it in the reading record book.

The family homework for this term is to research different ways that we can protect the natural environment and to make a poster to show the relevant information. This will be due in on March 28th.

If you have any questions about what we are teaching or any concerns or information that might be impacting on your child's ability to learn, please do contact us on our class email addresses or speak to the office and we will get back to you as soon as we are able to.

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Yours sincerely,

Miss Hunter and Miss Croutear and the Year 4 team.



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