



Federation of Pinvin C of E First School and St Nicholas C of E Middle School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to the New Year and new term. We hope that everyone has had a relaxing Christmas break and is returning to school refreshed and ready to learn.

English: Our first focus narrative text will be *Firebird* by Saviour Pirotta. We will write our own myths based around the ancient Egyptian gods. Later on in the half term, we will be exploring the poem *The Magic Box* by Kit Wright before writing and performing our own free verse poems.

Maths: We will start by developing the children's understanding of unit and non-unit fractions. After that we will extend the children's written methods for addition and subtraction skills whilst developing their problem solving and mathematical reasoning skills. The class will continue to use *Rock Star Maths* sessions which will help them to develop their recall of key times tables facts.

Science: We will explore light and shadows with lots of opportunities for the children to plan and carry out their own investigations.

DT: We will be using mouldable materials to create our own models of ancient Egyptian sarcophagi. Across the half term we will plan, create and evaluate our models.

History: Ancient Egypt is our main topic driver this half term. The children will learn about all aspects of life in Ancient Egypt whilst developing their historical skills.

PE: Our P.E day is moving to a Friday for this half term. Weather permitting, we will be outside for P.E. Please could you ensure that your child has their P.E. kit in school at all times, clearly labelled with their name. This half term we are lucky enough to benefit from a sports coach from Worcestershire Cricket Club who will be leading sessions to develop the children's cricket skills

RE: Why Jesus is inspirational to some people is our theme. We will develop our understanding of what people find encouraging and supportive in others and how this can help the children in their own lives.

Reading in Year 3

This half term, our whole class readers will be *The Worst Witch* by Jill Murphy and *The Eye of the Wolf* by Daniel Pennac. By the end of this week your child will bring home their new colour-banded reading book. Please continue to listen to your child read their school reader as well as discussing the books that they have read. It will also benefit your child if you read to them and discuss a wide range of books including some that are above their current reading level.

Please don't hesitate to come and see us before or after school if you have any questions or queries.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Tudge and Ms Smith

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