

P.E. <i>Please note that in Elm Class, children will receive an amber card if they forget their PE kit on more than one occasion each term as PE is an essential part of the school curriculum.</i>	PE sessions will generally take place on Mondays and Fridays. However, sometimes there may be additional or changed sessions, so <i>please ensure that full PE kits are in school all week.</i> As always, long hair needs tying back and earrings must be either removed or covered. The focus this term is on outdoor invasion games (tag rugby, football and netball), gymnastics and dance.
Computing	We will be using the ipads and computers to carry out their research and projects relating to our topic. The children will also be learning about internet safety and using various programs.
Art & Design, Design & Technology	We will be linking our Art/DT activities as closely as possible to our topic. This will include things such as using clay to make canopic jars, writing on papyrus, making masks of gods/goddesses and making art in the form of early civilisations.
R.E.	We will be covering the traditional themes of Harvest and Christmas. The children will also learn about Buddhism and Buddha's teachings. We will also be learning about Egyptian gods and how they were important.
French	The children will be learning French for one hour a week with Madame Ferguson.
Music	Mrs Young will be teaching music each week with Elm Class. We may also enjoy some of the music from 'Joseph' with its Egyptian associations!

Thornford CE Church of England Primary School

Information for Autumn Term 2019



Elm Class - Years 3 & 4:

Class teachers: Mrs Saunders (Monday to Wednesday) and Mrs Lewis (Thursday and Friday)

Teaching assistants: Mrs Young (Monday to Thursday) and Miss Ford (Friday)

Welcome to the Autumn Term!

Our topic this term is ***Journey Down the Nile***. We would be delighted if the children have books or artefacts from home about this topic, which they would like to share.

Home Learning -

Reading: We reward the children who read *at least 3 times weekly* at home, in the form of a small prize for every 4 weeks they have achieved this. **As previously, parents are asked to sign the reading record book each week please**, even if the children have read by themselves. Home books can of course be included. Reading record books will be checked every **Thursday**.

Spellings: Words to learn each week will be given out on Thursdays and tested the following **Thursday**. Please remind your child to practise their words on 5 separate days, **as well as writing any sentences requested**. Thank you.

Times Tables: There will be a speed test each **Thursday** and the children will usually be informed the week before which tables to practise. In Year 4, the expectation is to know all tables up to 12x12 by the end of the year, so the children will need to keep working on those they are least confident with.

Other: There will usually be some paper-based homework each week (mainly maths or English). There may be occasional homework linked to our topic or science.

At the end of each week, details of homework are posted on the Elm Class section of the school website.

As always, if you have any concerns, please feel free to come in and see us.

English	We will be aiming to cover the following: Fictional writing around 'Grandad's Island' book Looking at setting and writing postcards - Egypt Persuasive writing in the form of a travel brochure The history of writing and hieroglyphics Instructions: How to make a mummy Diary entry - Howard Carter Poetry - a range of poetry including shape poems Grammar and punctuation learning will be mainly integral to these tasks.
Maths	We are continuing with 'Maths No Problem' as the basis of our maths learning this year. This term the main areas of focus are: numbers to 1000 (for Y3) and 10,000 (Y4), addition, subtraction, multiplication and division (including formal written methods and word problems) and aspects of measuring.
Science	During the first half of term, we will be learning about Forces and Magnetism, planning and conducting experiments on friction and gravity. We will be learning and working in groups and individually to investigate various surfaces and magnetic materials. In the second part of term, we will be learning about Plants. We will be learning about the life cycle of a plant, identifying and describing the functions of different parts of a plant and exploring the requirements needed for life and growth.
History / Geography	Journey Down the Nile: we will be learning about life in Ancient Egypt and its geography, including comparing modern and ancient times. This topic lends itself to fascinating stories and studies, such as mummification and the afterlife. It will be a fun and fascinating theme for the term!

