



Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Welcome back to Adepitan class! I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday and that the children are refreshed and ready for another great school year. We have a very exciting start to the new school year as we settle into our brand-new classroom. The children have a lot to look forward because we have an array of exciting topics to delve into across the curriculum this term!

In English this term, we will be using **Lindsay Galvin's 'Call of the Titanic'** during our whole class reading lessons during Autumn 1 and then **'The Ancient Egyptian Sleepover' by Stephen Davies** during Autumn 2. Our first Geography topic will be **Spatial Sense** which will cover locational knowledge, the use of maps and globes and a study into our local area. In Autumn 2, our history topic will be **Ancient Egypt** which will build on our knowledge of Ancient Civilisations.

Our writing focus for the first half-term will be **Newspaper Reports based on The Titanic disaster**. We will then concentrate on reading and analysing a **selection of poems** to help us write our own narrative poetry. In Autumn 2 we will work on writing adventure stories inspired by **'The Magical Beetle'**. In Adepitan class this year we will be looking out for beautiful handwriting across the curriculum, and we encourage the children to practice this at home as well as in school.

In maths, we will begin working on **Place Value**. This will be followed by units on **Addition and Subtraction** and **Multiplication and Division**. Throughout the term we will also have one lesson a week dedicated to timetables as we will be completing the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check later in the year. More information about this will be shared closer to the time but all year 4 children should be practicing their times tables up to 12 x 12 to support them to build their skills in this area. The children should know their TTRS logins from last year but we can pass this information on to you if this is required. Please encourage your child(ren) to practice regularly at home to ensure fluency in these number facts as this will then positively impact their learning in other areas of maths.

Our science focus will be **States of Matter** in Autumn 1. This will involve identifying the three main states of matter and focusing on how particles behave differently in solids, liquids and gases. In Autumn 2, we will then move on to exploring **Sound** and how the human ear works. Throughout our science topics we will focus on building upon our working scientifically skills through various investigations and experiments. Our DT focus this half-term is **Mechanical Systems**. In this unit, children will analyse, plan and create their own moving history book based on the Egyptians that features levers and linkages. Our Art unit is based on **Drawing and painting** which focuses on storytelling through artwork. Our art unit will take place during the second half-term.

We will send home a piece of maths or English **homework** every Friday with it due back in the following Friday. **Spelling tests** will take place on Mondays with 10 spellings being sent home weekly to learn for the test. Our first spelling test will take place on Monday 16th of September. Please continue to read with your child(ren) at home and sign their **reading record** as this will have a hugely positive impact on their progress. Reading records will be provided early in the Autumn term.

PE kits are required to be worn on a Tuesday and a Wednesday. A reminder that on all other days, children should be in their school uniform. Jewellery is not permitted during PE lessons so please make sure that children can remove their own earrings or bring in tape to cover them. This is a health and safety issue during these sessions. A reminder that our **Celebration Assemblies** are on Monday mornings at 9am. You are welcome to attend these when your child is Star of the Week. You will be notified on ClassDojo when your child is Star of the Week.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding your child's education, please get in touch via ClassDojo or catch us on the playground at the end of the day.

Thank you,
Miss Russell, Mrs Dawson and Mrs Owen

