## Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas with your families. What fantastic progress we saw in Autumn Term – the children should be very proud! Mrs Free, Mrs Haffey and I are looking forward to another term full of learning and fun activities. We look forward to seeing you throughout the Spring term.

## Our topic this term is... BURIED TREASURE!

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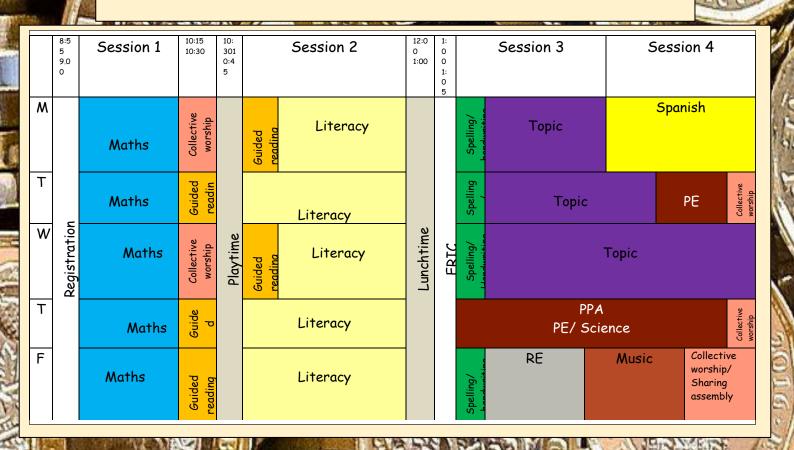
This topic will incorporate lots of history as we will study the Ancient Egyptians. We will focus on a range of questions:

- Who were key figures in the Ancient Egyptian civilization?
  - Why did the Ancient Egyptians build pyramids?
  - Where can the most important Ancient Egypt sites be found?
    - How do we know about life from this time period?
      - What are Egyptologists?
    - Why are there differing interpretations of the past?

In science the children will learn about rocks and soils. They will explore how fossils are formed. In art and DT we will create various pieces linked to our topic including pyramid models and hieroglyphics.

## **Important dates**

- Our PE days this term will be **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.
  - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January Class 5 sharing assembly
    - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February Open afternoon
  - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February Class 5 sharing assembly
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> / Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February Parents' Evening
  - March(date to be confirmed) KS2 trip



Homework

## Year 5

Homework will continue to be the same as last term: daily reading (recording in planners), weekly spellings and alternate weeks of Mathletics and Maths Jigsaw tasks.

Year 6

The children will receive maths, SPAG and reading homework books. I will send home a separate note with more detail regarding these.

Year 5 and Year 6

From January, your child will bring home multiplication and division facts to learn each week. These will be tested in school to help improve speed and fluency.