



# Queensgate Foundation Primary School

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Friday, 10th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. Once again, we have lots of exciting topics and activities planned for the coming term.

We will be learning about Ancient Egypt this term as part of our Egyptian topic. In English, to support our learning in this topic, we will be studying 'The Ancient Egypt Sleepover' by Stephen Davies.

This term the children will have swimming lessons at Waterside Pool in Ryde on Tuesday afternoons, starting on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January. They will be accompanied by Mrs Johnson, Mrs Tilling, Mrs Cade, Mr Gwilliam, Mrs Kingsbury & Mrs Tate. Please ensure they bring an appropriate swimming costume, (P.E. shorts are not acceptable), and a large towel in a waterproof bag. Long hair must be tied back and earrings must be removed. Swimming costumes should not be worn into school in the morning. However, we would encourage children to wear their PE kits as it makes changing so much easier for them. The children may arrive back to school just after 3.10pm and will be dismissed from the usual door. Please ensure all of your child's clothing is named to avoid confusion when they are getting changed after swimming.

As well as swimming, we are timetabled to have P.E. on Friday mornings in the Hall. Children will need to wear their usual PE kit. Please make sure your child has appropriate hair bands, ear-tape, etc., so they can participate in all sessions.

Reading books need to come into school daily. Please continue to regularly listen to your child read, too.

The family homework project linked to our class topic this half term is to design and make a model, artefact or sculpture that is inspired by the Ancient Egyptian project- eg a pyramid, an Egyptian boat, jewellery, a statue, Canopic jars or your own version of one the existing relics. These will be due in by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January ready for our Egyptian Museum. Please look out for your invitations which will be sent out shortly.

The homework projects that we received last term were fantastic but we were disappointed that many children didn't take the opportunity to make a stone-age home with their family.

As before, children will have weekly spellings and times tables to practice at home.

At the end of the school day the children will be accompanied to the usual outside door by a member of staff to meet you, unless we have an agreed arrangement to send them to a sibling's class. Please ensure you inform a member of the office staff in advance if someone else is collecting your child from school. If you are delayed at the end of the school day, please let Miss Rorich in the office know as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office on 01983 292872 or email on the following addresses:

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Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Tilling    Miss A Hunter  
and the rest of the Year 3 Team.