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# Bratton Primary Sch

**Engagement - Resilience - Integrity**

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Dear parents and carers,

We hope you've all had a great half-term break and the children are ready for another impactful and interesting learning journey ahead in Term 2.

As a school we will continue to develop a Growth Mindset within our children at Bratton Primary this term with a particular focus on meta-cognition.

The learning in Antelopes will, once again, be challenging and exciting this term and this letter will outline the topics and themes for Autumn Term 2. Our History theme will remain Ancient Egypt. The children will continue to learn how physical artefacts were used to answer questions about this period and the people who lived there. They will learn the story of the Rosetta Stone, about the pyramids of Giza and about the Egyptian creation story. To link in with our topic, in Geography, the children will learn about the importance of the River Nile and physical and human geography of Egypt.

In English the children will analyse a wide range of high quality fiction and non-fiction texts, photos and film footage as a basis for their own writing. Extended writing will include story setting descriptions of the view from a boat on the river Nile. However much of our writing this term will be of a non-fiction basis which will include writing non-chronological and chronological reports about aspects of Ancient Egypt. 'Big Write' sessions will take place on alternate Fridays, with Talk Homework sent home on a Thursday.

All children will read regularly to a member of the Antelopes Team. Thank you for your support so far and it is extremely important that you continue to be actively involved in promoting a love of reading through regularly hearing your child read and reading to them. Your child will hand in his or her Reading Record each morning so that we can see what they have read and your comments. We expect the children to choose from a wide range of fiction and non-fiction books and make full use of our fantastic new scheme books and library facility. In addition to this and to help prepare you child for our December assessments, there will be a greater focus on reading comprehension within our weekly English lessons. We would appreciate it if you could make regular time to question your child about the book they are reading and help them with any vocabulary they are not familiar with.

We will devote time daily to 'GHASP' (Grammar, Handwriting, Spelling and Punctuation). Once again, spelling, learning and development will take place in school. The children will learn to extend sentences by using a wider range of verbs, adjectives and conjunctions as well as using fronted adverbials. There will continue to be a focus upon developing cursive handwriting skills with a view to every child writing in pen as soon as possible.

In Maths this term, the children will revisit rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 100. They will use addition and subtraction to help them solve 2-step money word problems. We will then move onto

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multiplication, division and fractions. The children will revise and develop knowledge of times tables and division facts. It is vital that the children have secure, rapid recall of these, so please do keep practising these frequently at home.

In Science we will be learning how to ask relevant scientific questions and use different types of enquiries to answer them. We will first complete our topic on States of Matter. Following the conclusion of that, the children will be finding out about animals and their habitats and about the different stages of the digestive system.

In Computing (ICT), the children will continue to learn to use the internet safely and appropriately and be discerning in evaluating digital content. They will research topics and produce a report linked to our Ancient Egypt theme.

In Music, we will be following the Charanga syllabus and the children will be learning all about the music of ABBA, with a particular focus on Mamma Mia! They will learn to sing along, dance, play and compose accompaniments.

In Art, the children will be looking at how wildlife artists draw an animal, sketching animals including those around in Ancient Egypt and antelopes and will make an Ancient Egyptian death mask. The vast majority of our Art this term will be linked to Christmas, with the children producing a piece of work with a Winter theme, making a tree decoration and finally, a product which will be sold at the Christmas Fair.

Subjects taught by specialist teachers will be as follows: P.E every Wednesday by Miss Wozniak. Please ensure that your child has a full, correct and named P.E kit in school every day. We understand that many children take part in sports outside school and how expensive it can be to buy more than one pair of trainers, so we are happy for your child to take his or her trainers home overnight but they must be returned the next day. Your child will also be taught French every Wednesday afternoon by Mrs Lambrets. Our theme in the P.E sessions taught by Mr Browne will be Dance linked to a water theme.

Your child will receive Maths and/or English homework each week. **This will be set on Thursday, to be handed in on the following Tuesday.** There will also be a short talking homework every other Thursday, relating to the Big Write, which will take place the next day; it is vital that this is completed as it will link directly to the planning or writing on Friday.

We are delighted to announce that on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November**, Antelopes will be visiting **The Tutankhamun Exhibition** in Dorchester – details to follow in a separate letter.

Finally, can we please ensure that your child has the correct uniform, including the correct footwear specified in our uniform list. <http://www.bratton.wilts.sch.uk/uniform/>

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I am always available for a chat after school in person or by phone and I am happy to make an appointment in this case.

Thank you in advance for your support this term.  
Kind regards,

Mr Scott Browne, Mrs Lesly Whitefield, Mrs Kim Harvey and Miss Nicola Shaw  
Antelope Class Team

