Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new term. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a happy New Year! We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of what we will be doing this term in Year 4.

**General Reminders:**
- Children should have a cartridge pen AND cartridges in school at all times.
- Children should have their P.E Kits in school, including a tracksuit, at all times.
- Children should have a drawstring bag as we have limited space in our cloakrooms!
- The children only need one pencil case each

**Homework reminder**
Maths homework will continue to be assigned on Mathletics. English homework will be set on DB Primary and completed in their homework books. This will be available on DB primary from Wednesday and must completed by the following Tuesday. If homework is not completed by the set time the children will have to do this during their break time.

**Reading reminder**
Each classroom has reading racers charts to ensure the children read a range of genres. Your child is expected to read at least ten minutes every day with an adult. Children can earn reading rewards for completing a certain number of reads. Each time you hear your child read you must sign their Reading Record book. Mrs Beasley will count up the number of reads each Friday.

**This term’s subject areas**
Our main topic is Ancient Egypt. We will also be learning about the Digestive System in Science and later on in the term moving on to Electricity and Sound. In R.E we will be learning about Christianity. We will also be sketching and using clay to recreate Egyptian artefacts. In Computing we will be creating PowerPoints. In Music we will be learning songs for the lower KS2 show.

**Earrings and Hair accessories**
The only jewellery permitted in school is simple stud earrings which the child should be able to remove themselves for swimming and PE.

**NB: Essex County Council no longer permits ear-rings to be taped for any PE activities. Therefore, please do not have your child’s ears pierced during the academic year**
The girls must wear their hair tied back at school and the hair bands/ bobbles, etc. must be either blue or black.

Many thanks

Miss Barnes and Mrs Clifton