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Dear Parent / Carer,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas break and that the children are pleased to be back in school ready to learn and see their friends.

Kestrel's PE sessions will now be on a Tuesday afternoon and a Friday morning. The children can still come in wearing their PE Kits; yellow tops and black shorts or jogging bottoms. Please ensure that all clothing items are named so they can easily be returned if lost!

Full school uniform is to be worn every day. Please ensure suitable length skirts for girls, ideally to the knee. As Health and Safety is so prominent these days, we ask that all jewellery is kept at home with the exception of stud earrings which must be removed or covered with tape during PE lessons. It would be preferred that children with long hair wear it tied back. Please note that the wearing of nail varnish is not permitted in school. Now the weather is becoming unpredictable please ensure your child has a raincoat in school.

Please continue to read with your child daily. Children will be rewarded house points for reading at home. Your child will have an opportunity to change their reading book every day and are expected to bring their reading books and diaries into school daily. When they do read at home, please update your children's diaries as they will earn house points.

Homework will continue to be sent out weekly. Children will receive a set of spellings and a page from their English homework book for English and specific times tables and a page from their maths homework book for maths. Homework will go out on a Thursday and be expected to be returned on a Tuesday. Children will receive house points for returning their homework books.

Attached is a brief summary of this half term's areas of learning. Our afternoons will primarily be spent investigating our topic theme of The Ancient Egyptians.

Please don't hesitate to come to see us if you have any questions or worries, and we look forward to meeting you over the coming weeks.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Bell and Mr Tolley, Kestrel Teachers.