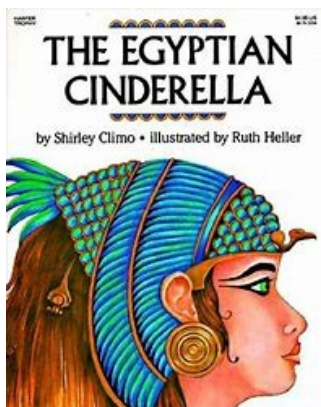




Dear Parents and Carers

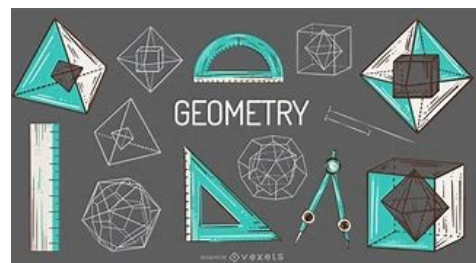
Welcome to the last half term of Year 4! I hope you enjoyed the recent break and fantastic weather and it has been great to see that everyone seems refreshed and ready for the exciting work ahead.



In **English** this half term we will be writing a narrative about our learning topic of Ancient Egypt, based on our new book *The Egyptian Cinderella*. In our first week back, we have been having fun making our predictions and we will get to know our text more in the coming weeks. We will be considering techniques to add mood and tension into our writing and consolidating all of our taught grammar, finally showcasing our new skills in our published piece. We've selected some additional high-quality books that link to our English units and help stretch and inspire our writers, especially those working at Greater Depth. Parents who wish to support reading at home may find the following titles particularly beneficial:

- *The Golden Sandal* by Rebecca Hickox.
- *Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters* by John Steptoe
- *The Rough-Face Girl* by Rafe Martin
- *Glass Slipper, Gold Sandal* by Paul Fleischman.

In **Maths** we will be working on a brief unit on time before moving on to geometry. In this unit we will look at angles, properties of triangles and quadrilaterals, symmetry as well as using coordinates to draw and locate shapes on a grid. We will also be spending time checking we are confident with the use of all written methods for calculation which have been taught so far: column addition, column subtraction and short multiplication. The National Multiplication Check is due to take place during next week. Much progress has been made already, but it is important that all children are continuing to work on their times tables, especially this weekend if you can.



This half term we will continue our History topic: '**What are the secrets of the pyramids?**'. We will look at the importance of the River Nile, the Ancient Egyptian beliefs, the lives of the rich and the poor and farming which was very significant part of life in Ancient Egypt.

In **Science** we will be completing our final unit, asking the question Why do sounds change? We will be associating sounds with vibration and learning how we hear these sounds. We will look at the pitch and volume of various sounds and consider why sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases.

In **RE**, we will be delving deeper into Sikhism. We will look at more of the main beliefs and learn all about even more of the special places in this religion. We will be looking at stories from Sikhism's holy book, the *The Guru Granth Sahib* and



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considering how these stories are celebrated in festivals. We will also be comparing these festivals to those of other religions including Islam, Judaism and Christianity.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything you wish to discuss and thank you for your continued support. It has been a pleasure to be a part of the children's learning journey this year and I am very proud of the hard work, dedication and resilience that they all show every day in my classroom.

Thank you all,

Mr Coates

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Class assembly Thursday 2nd July, 9am