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Dear Parents,

I hope you had a great Christmas and managed to enjoy it whilst having a relaxing time with your families. The children came back excited and ready to begin a jam-packed term of learning. Once again, Mrs Ward and I want to thank you for all of your kind Christmas gifts and cards.

In maths this week, the children have been re-capping their addition and subtraction written methods. I was relieved to find they had remembered their methods and had a renewed enthusiasm for maths, even enjoying some tough fraction warm ups at the start of the week!

In English, the children have been looking at ordering words alphabetically. They found this challenge fun and showed me that they all have the ability to use a dictionary confidently to support their learning. The children then thought about replacing boring words with some more interesting and 'grown up' vocabulary, by using a thesaurus. As part of their SPaG targets, the children learnt how and when we use a preposition in our writing. I am sending home some learning to support this; it would be great for them to show you their understanding and knowledge with prepositions so far.

In week 3, the children will be making 'Egyptian Death Masks' and planning what they will look like in the next topic lesson. This will involve using Modroc and allowing it to dry before we are able to paint and decorate them. This will be the final activity for 'Ancient Egypt' and I am sure you will agree the children have an amazing realm of knowledge about this subject; they have thoroughly enjoyed it too!

I am getting through the home learning; the children are showing and telling the rest of the class at regular intervals. I am amazed by the facts they have found and it means we are able to base their learning around these facts and what

interests them about Africa. Thank you for supporting them with this, they have taught Mrs Ward and I lots of things we never knew!

In PE, the children used the apparatus. They have been asking for ages but with the stage up it is difficult to arrange. We spent the whole afternoon using it on Thursday and the children showed their fantastic gymnastic skill!

Kind regards,

Mrs Wardle and Mrs Ward