



## Sycamore Summer Term Newsletter.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Hope you have had a lovely Easter break. I am writing to provide you with some information about the learning we will be doing in terms 5 and 6. We have a busy time ahead with new topics outlined below.

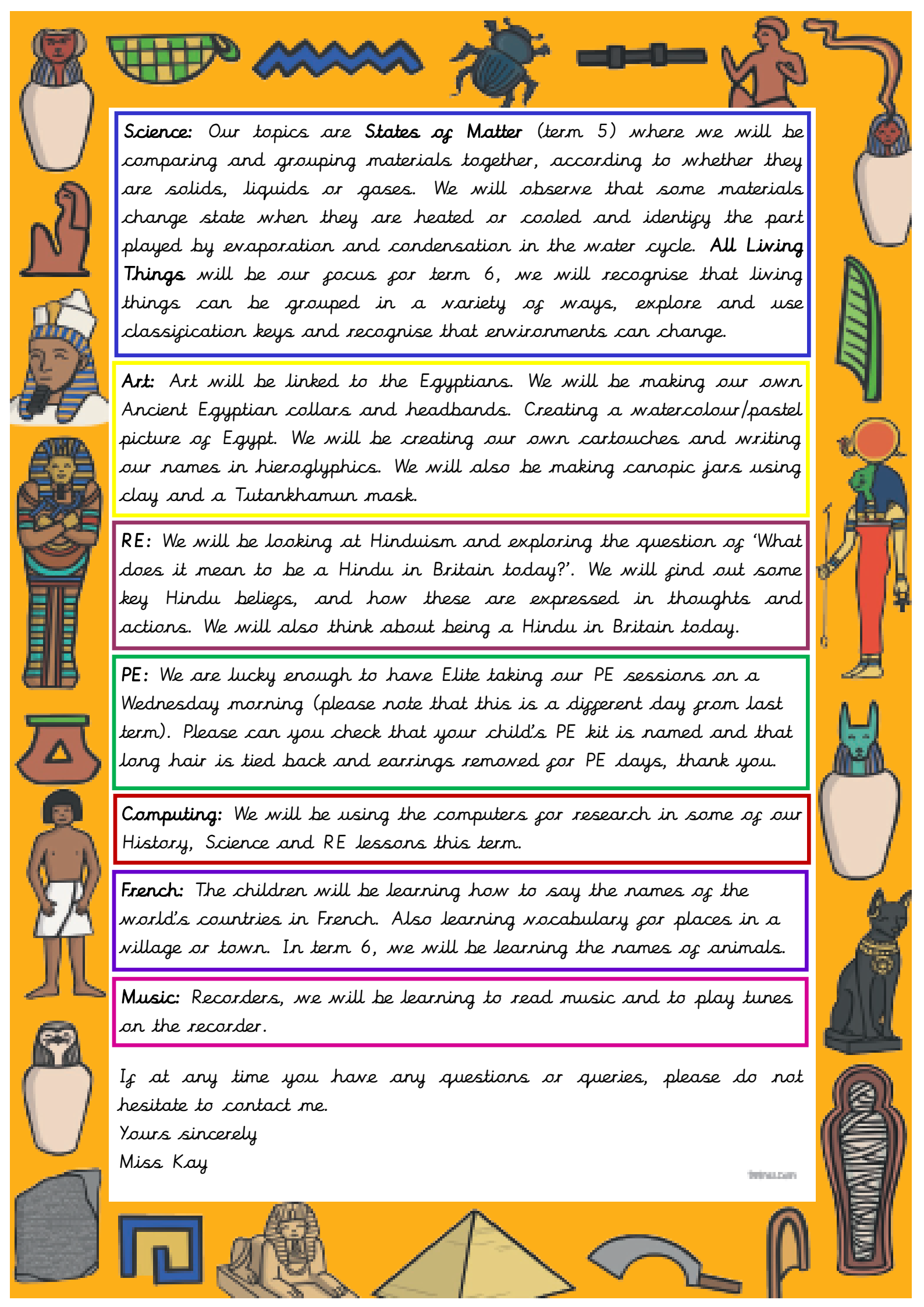
**Weekly spellings and Mental Maths** will continue to be sent home on a Tuesday and tested on a Monday. By the end of Year 4 your child is expected to know all of their times tables facts up to the 12 times table. A big thank you for all the practice and support you are giving your children with these at home. Your support is invaluable and really helps support your child's learning in class.

**Maths and English home learning** tasks will begin again on 27th April and will be sent home on a Friday and collected in on a Tuesday. Maths learning will remain optional and will resume the grid approach where you are able to choose a task a week or whenever you have time to complete.

**English:** This term we will be continuing to work on our Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS) skills as well as our comprehension work where we will be reading passages and discussing what we can learn from it during guided reading sessions. We will start a new book called 'The Egyptian Cinderella'. We will be creating our own stories linked to the Egyptian theme. We will also be writing shape poems and a recount in the form of a newspaper article. Planning, drafting and editing work will be a continued focus within our writing. In term 6 we will then move onto reading the 'Time Travelling Cat and The Egyptian Goddess'. We will also look at Play Scripts and create an Information Text about Egypt.

**Maths:** Over the next two terms, we will be learning about decimals, money, time, statistics, geometry—properties of shapes, position and direction.

**Topic:** Our topic is 'The Ancient Egyptians'. Firstly we will be finding out who were the Ancient Egyptians and what was life like in Ancient Egypt. The children will also learn about the Egyptian God's, Pharaoh's, King Tutankhamun, mummification and hieroglyphics. In term 6, the children will be able to locate Egypt on a world map and identify the physical features of Egypt such as The River Nile and the Pyramids.



**Science:** Our topics are **States of Matter** (term 5) where we will be comparing and grouping materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. We will observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled and identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle. **All Living Things** will be our focus for term 6, we will recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways, explore and use classification keys and recognise that environments can change.

**Art:** Art will be linked to the Egyptians. We will be making our own Ancient Egyptian collars and headbands. Creating a watercolour/pastel picture of Egypt. We will be creating our own cartouches and writing our names in hieroglyphics. We will also be making canopic jars using clay and a Tutankhamun mask.

**RE:** We will be looking at Hinduism and exploring the question of 'What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?'. We will find out some key Hindu beliefs, and how these are expressed in thoughts and actions. We will also think about being a Hindu in Britain today.

**PE:** We are lucky enough to have Elite taking our PE sessions on a Wednesday morning (please note that this is a different day from last term). Please can you check that your child's PE kit is named and that long hair is tied back and earrings removed for PE days, thank you.

**Computing:** We will be using the computers for research in some of our History, Science and RE lessons this term.

**French:** The children will be learning how to say the names of the world's countries in French. Also learning vocabulary for places in a village or town. In term 6, we will be learning the names of animals.

**Music:** Recorders, we will be learning to read music and to play tunes on the recorder.

If at any time you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely  
Miss Kay