## MOLDGREEN COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL YEAR FOUR

## Autumn Term 1

This newsletter is to let you know what your child's class will be learning about this half term.

English In our English work we shall be basing our work around the book 'The Egyptian Cinderella' written by Shirley Climo. The children will be writing pieces of description about characters and settings and we will be linking work to our humanities topic of Ancient Egypt. We will be teaching punctuation, grammar and spelling linked to gaps in learning and end of year expectations. Bespoke reading sessions will take place every day to ensure children have the skills to answer a range of questions and complete pure reading activities.

<u>Maths</u> In our maths work we will be focusing on place value linked to four digit numbers and adding and subtracting these four digit numbers. We will cover problem solving every week and learn how to solve reasoning questions linked to larger numbers. Our work will extend to rounding and counting in multiples of different sizes.

Science Our science topic this term will be 'Animals including Humans'. We will be carrying out many experiments and learn about teeth and the digestive system. We will learn about food chains and how these can be altered by human and animal behaviour.

<u>PE</u> Please remember to attend school in your PE kit on a Wednesday and a Thursday. If your child wears earrings, these need to be removed for PE. If they are new piercings, they will need to be covered for the day of PE.



<u>ART/DT</u> This work will involve learning how the Ancient Egyptian build pyramids and working in small groups to re-create a pyramid using various materials and learning joining and further DT skills.

We will explore how stimuli can be used as a starting point for 3D work with a particular focus on form, shape, pattern, texture and colour.

<u>COMPUTING</u> This half-term's work is based on e-safety and basic skills. The children will develop speed on keyboards, be able to log on and shut down, copy and paste text, search for images and use in a word document. We will save documents and re-open at a later date to add more detail.

<u>WIDER CURRICULUM</u> During the first half-term children will learn where Egypt is and key facts about the country. They will learn how people find out about the past and focus on Pharaohs and who they were and why they were so important. The children will learn to read Egyptian writing and why the pyramids were built.

<u>RE</u> How important events are remembered in different religions. We will focus on a variety of festivals and events and study why they are celebrated and what happens at these events. We will learn how light is linked to many festivals in the UK and around the world.

<u>Music</u> Our new music scheme is called Charanga. Our unit this half term is based around the ABBA songs and is entitled 'Mama Mia'. The children will play warm-up activities and listen and appraise music and learn new vocabulary and cover beat and tempo.

<u>Water bottles</u>-It is important for children to keep hydrated throughout the day. Please bring your child's <u>named</u> water bottle into school so they can have a drink. These will be sent how each day.