



First of all we would like to thank you all for the very generous gifts we received at Christmas. Welcome back, we hope you all had a lovely holiday. Undoubtedly a time of change for Peacocks, as Ms Jethwa leaves for her maternity break after two weeks but we are lucky in as much as Ms Cole will be taking the class for the remainder of the academic year. We will be starting 2016 by travelling through time to Ancient Egypt.

English	Spelling: Prefixes, suffixes and homophones Grammar and Punctuation: Conjunctions, subordinate clauses, commas, paragraphs, headings and sub headings Writing: Information and explanation texts. Reading: Decoding and comprehension skills focussing on non-fiction Handwriting: Joined up writing – tall letters tall and small letters small	Optional Suggestions for home learning: Reading to gather information about Egypt. Visit the library. Encourage joined up writing.
Maths	Place value, mental addition, subtraction, multiplication & division, problem solving, and measurement.	Help in cooking and shopping. Practise multiplication and division facts.
Science	The human skeleton	Search for 'skeleton' at http://www.topmarks.co.uk
ICT	Databases	Log on to Purple Mash. Passwords will be given out.
Geography	Egypt	Look at maps and atlases.
PE	Football Egyptian Dance	
DT/ ART	Ancient Egyptian arts and crafts Self Portraits	
PSHE	New year resolutions, target setting and friendship skills	Keep a personal diary
RE	Egyptian Gods, Death Ceremonies and the Afterlife	Follow up links using the Internet.
Music	Ocarina	Regular practice.
Trips	British Museum	

Dates for your diary

Parent's Evening- Peacocks Thursday 14th January

St James Tea time club Wednesday 27th January afternoon visit by Peacock class only

Open Afternoon Thursday 28th January 2.45pm
 Parent's Evening- Parrots Wednesday 3rd February 4-7pm
 Thursday 11th February 4-7pm

Peacock class assembly Friday 15th January 9.05am
 Parrot class assembly Friday 4th March 9.05am

Trip to British Museum Monday 14th March

With best wishes

Kuldeep Jethwa/Tricia Cole, Richard Evans and Bernice Joseph

Year 3 Class Teachers