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Dear Parents & Carers,

ANCIENT EGYPT WORKSHOP- FRIDAY 16TH JANUARY 2026

As part of our next topic in history – Ancient Egypt – we have invited in to school, Phillip Harris, an Egyptologist who as well as currently working in Egypt for part of the year; also runs workshops through his company "Ancient Egypt for Children."

Mr Harris, or Mr Egypt as he is known to the children, has visited our school in 2018, 2020 and 2022 and the children loved the day, often sharing this workshop as one of their favourite memories; they were inspired for the new topic and were fully engaged in their learning.

As part of their workshop, the children will learn about Mr Egypt's role as an Egyptologist and hear a first hand account of what it is really like to be inside the ancient pyramids. They will have the opportunity to handle real artefacts, play games, hear stories, eat traditional Egyptian bread, read and write hieroglyphics, problem solve and turn a classmate in to a mummy! This will support their learning in history lessons in the Spring term and will be interactive and lots of fun!

As part of the day, the children will have the chance to try traditional Egyptian bread pitta made with **wheat flour.** If your child is unable to eat foods containing wheat or you do not wish your child to try the bread, please ensure that your child's class teacher is aware before the workshop.

In order to cover the costs of this exciting opportunity, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£5.00** per child towards the workshop. If your child is in receipt of **PPG funding**, this cost has been reduced to **£2.50**. If we are unable to receive enough funds then we may not be able to go ahead with the workshop. Please can you pay using the MCAS app and it will be available under Clubs on the left hand side. Please pay this by the **5th of December 2025** and if you need any help with this payment, please contact Mel at mpollard@spurcroft.w-berks.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Leanne Etherington
Year 3 / 4 teacher

