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Ref: Sch/Visits and Activities/Y4 Medicine & Ancient Egyptian Workshops (JB)
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Y4 – Medicine Workshop – Thursday 19th November

Year 4 will be taking part in an exciting historical workshop delivered by **Down to Earth, Derby**, exploring the fascinating history of medicine. This hands-on experience will link directly to our history learning about Eyam and the devastating plague that affected the village in 1665–1666.

During the workshop, children will discover how people in the past understood illness and attempted to treat diseases. They will explore historical beliefs about health, the use of herbs and natural remedies, and how medical knowledge has changed over time.

As part of this immersive experience, the children will create their own pouch of herbs, inspired by remedies used during the plague. This practical activity will encourage them to consider the challenges faced by people living in the seventeenth century and the limited medical knowledge available.

Y4 – Egyptian VR Workshop and Egyptian Cartouche – Tuesday 5th January

To launch our new topic of "Tomb Raiders", the children will take part in an exciting immersive workshop, travelling back over 5,000 years to the time of the Pharaohs. Using VR headsets, they will explore pyramids, tombs, hieroglyphics, mummification, Egyptian gods and beliefs about the afterlife.

They will also take part in a hands-on art and design workshop, creating their own personalised cartouche using hieroglyphics. Our facilitators will set up a mobile studio in school and provide all materials and equipment for every child to create their masterpiece. The workshop will take place during the school day. Children should bring with them an old t-shirt or shirt suitable for painting to wear over the top of their uniform.

Y4 – Ancient Egyptian Workshop – Thursday 7th January

The Ancient Egyptians were truly an incredible civilisation. During this workshop, the children learn about just how incredible the Ancient Egyptians were!

Step into the land of pharaohs, pyramids and mummies with this unforgettable Ancient Egypt workshop. Filled with authentic artefacts, hands-on activities and immersive role-play, this exciting day brings one of history's greatest civilisations to life.

The day begins with the arrival of an Ancient Egyptian. In a dramatic and memorable introduction, they demonstrate the fascinating process of mummification, explaining how the Egyptians prepared their dead for the afterlife. With just the right amount of realism, it is an experience that children will be talking about long after the workshop has finished!

Throughout the day, pupils take part in a series of highly engaging sessions designed to immerse them in everyday life in Ancient Egypt.

The combined cost for the four workshops is **£36.00** per child which can be made via our IRIS ParentMail system.

Activities such as these can only go ahead with your financial support; we are therefore asking for a voluntary contribution for the above amount. These workshops have been set up on ParentMail to allow donations for those who wish to pay a bit extra; please follow the simple instructions at checkout. Please ensure we receive your consent/voluntary contribution no later than **Monday 14th December 2026.** Without sufficient contributions we may have to cancel some of these workshops.

We appreciate your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Clayton & Miss Herriman
Y4 Teaching Team