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Dear Parent/Carer,

As the children continue to “Walk like an Egyptian”, next week our focus will turn to the role of priests in Ancient Egypt and the art of mummification. We will transform into master embalmers and create our own instructions for the mummification process, which could be handed down to the next generation of priests.

As part of this, on Tuesday 4th May, the children will have the unforgettable opportunity to get hands-on and create their own mummies. To do this we will follow each step of the embalming process using small fish (this is subject to us sourcing small fish). The children will work in groups to explore the impact of each step and discover how advanced and effective the process was in preserving the ancient Egyptian pharaohs. This in-depth, practical look at each stage will result in some excellent writing.

We recognise that some children may feel uncomfortable with this activity, so they will of course be given several choices. They will be encouraged to have a go and join in, but if they do not wish to they will of course be allowed to simply observe. If they decide they do not wish to be involved at all, either before or during the fish mummification, there will be a station available where they can use a tomato to enjoy a similar learning experience.

To ensure the health and safety of all children, the tables will be covered. They will also be provided with disposable gloves and facilities to wash their hands thoroughly before and after. All parts of the fish will be disposed of safely at the end of the activity. Please let the school know if you are concerned about any allergies (including latex).

If you have any further questions about this experience, please don't hesitate to contact the Year 3 teachers via the usual means, before Friday 30th April. We are very excited to be able to give the children this opportunity.

Yours Sincerely,

The Year 3 Teachers

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