

# Year 3 Class Newsletter

## Term 2

Welcome back everyone, I hope you all had a restful half term break, despite the awful weather. This term we are continuing our journey through Ancient Egypt, learning about Tutankhamun and discovering more about how the Ancient Egyptians lived and travelled.

The children had great fun designing and decorating their pumpkins



Such imaginative creations.

### English

Our English lessons this term will be based on the book 'The Secret of Black Rock' by Joe Todd-Stanton. We will continue learning how to add detail in our writing by using our senses to develop a story. I have included a weekly spelling breakdown with our newsletter with ideas for you to do at home to help.

### Maths

We start understanding the 4 and 8 times tables this term. BBC Super movers have catchy songs to help

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/ks1-maths-the-4-times-table-with-cyril-the-swan/zmsw382>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/ks2-maths-the-8-times-table-with-filbert-fox/z4mrhbk>

We will also be applying what we learnt last term using the column method to subtract numbers using this method. Finally, at the end of the term we will be working with fractions. I will be sending home a weekly "Maths Mat" for the children to practice their existing maths skills.

## Science

As our nights draw in, we will be learning all about light, what are shadows, how to make them, and looking at the transparency of objects. Key words we will be learning this term include opaque, translucent and transparent.

## PE

This term, our PE lessons continue to be on a Thursday, so can the children continue to come into school in their PE kit on Thursday. Please make sure that your child is wearing a suitable PE kit for the weather that day, as we will still be having playtime outside most days.

## Foundation Subjects

Computing – We will start exploring how to create documents and posters using MS Word and PowerPoint.

Art – We will continue to make Egyptian artifacts during art and will start to exploring watercolour techniques.

History – We will continue our investigations of ancient Egypt, discovering facts about Egyptian gods. It was lovely to hear how engaged the children have been by this topic. If you have any photos of the children working on Egyptian artwork at home or visiting museums, please send them in and we can show them to the class.

Geography – As we continue to look at significant rivers around the world (Amazon, Yangtze and Ganges), we will compare them to our own local rivers

RE – Continue our study of Christianity, we will be looking at why the Bible is so important to Christians.

Music – We are looking at written music notes this term and will be starting to use Glockenspiels.

## Reading

In order for children to read well, it is vital they continue to do so at home. To help encourage reading at home, we are continuing with the “Sign the Wall” celebration. If a child reads at home 4 times during a week (Friday to Friday) they can sign the “Wall of fame”. Please remember to sign your child’s reading record so we can celebrate this in class. It does not have to be a school reading book, as the aim is to encourage a joy of reading, so reading a bedtime story to siblings or reading a comic with a cousin all count.

## Homework

Spellings and maths homework will be sent out weekly in our new Homework Log books. Can these books please be in school on Friday so we can celebrate any work that has been completed. Additionally, I have included a homework grid of optional activities you may like to do over this term which I have put into the homework log.



As always, if you have any questions about this or any other aspect of your child's learning please do not hesitate to contact the office and I will get back to you.

With best wishes, (is it too early to say Merry Christmas?)

Mrs McKay