

# Year 3 Newsletter

## Term 2

I hope you all had a lovely break over half term. We have lots of exciting learning to do this term!

This term, we will be delivering some of the foundation subjects as part of a blocked curriculum. For example, instead of having one history lesson each week, we will have one week where we have history every afternoon. This will allow the children to become fully immersed in the topic being covered.

In English, we are going to be looking at stories from different cultures. We are looking at versions of Cinderella from across the world and comparing them to the fairytale version that we are familiar with. We will look at the characters and settings, seeing how these change in each adaptation of the story. We will then write our own version of the story. Towards the end of the term, we will be writing instructions - you can follow these to make Christmas biscuits at home over the Christmas holiday.

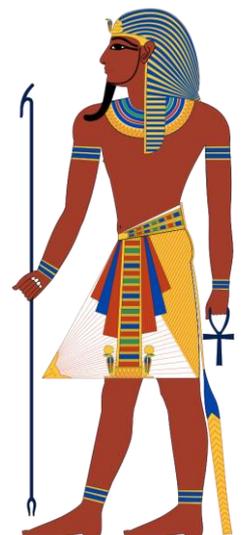


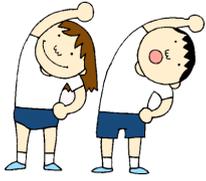
Our class reader is *The Christmasaurus and the Winter Witch*. I know the children enjoyed the first novel by Tom Fletcher (and so did I in my previous school) so I thought it would be nice to read the second book in the trilogy on the lead up to Christmas.

This term, our Maths lessons will be focussing on counting in different multiples and practising our times tables. The children will be given their Times Tables Rockstar login details so they can practice online at home. You can also practice by singing songs and playing games. Also this term, we will be learning how to use the column method for addition and subtraction for three-digit and two-digit numbers. We will then finish the term by spending some time on fractions.

For the first few weeks, we will be immersing ourselves in all things Ancient Egyptians. The children will learn about who the Egyptians were and when in history the Ancient Egyptian era was. The children will have chance to think about what life would have been like and begin to learn what was important to the people of Ancient Egypt. They will learn all about the ritual of mummification.

After that, we will be making sculptures in Art. We are going to make our own Egyptian burial masks, learning the skills of paper mâché. If you have any large pieces of cardboard, we would really appreciate it if you could bring these in for us to use.





This term, our PE lessons will continue to be on Tuesdays and the children should come to school dressed in their kits. It is getting colder so please ensure full length tracksuit bottoms or leggings are worn.

Later in the term, we will be learning about 'Light' in Science and, in our Computing lessons, we will be learning all about drawing and desktop publishing. The children are becoming much more confident in using the laptops and love the opportunity to use them in class.

In Music, we will be learning how to play the glockenspiel and will perform and record our finished piece at the end of term.

In PSHE, the children will be learning about the unit 'Celebrating Difference'. As part of this, children will be investigating themes such as appearance, culture and celebrating each other's backgrounds. The school mascot this term is the Respectful Raven.

### Reading

The children will continue to have the opportunity to change their reading books every week and this is updated on GoRead. Please ensure you are reading with your child and logging this on GoRead - a good target to aim for is at least 3 times a week. Please be aware that I am able to see children who regularly read at home, and this helps tremendously with reading, spelling and writing skills in class. Please see me if you need the log in details again.



### Homework

Children will continue to receive the following homework weekly:

- Spellings - tested on a Friday
- Reading - read at least 3x a week
- Times Tables - these are set on Times table rock star.

In addition to this, there will be optional homework that can be completed in relation to the work we are doing in school. This can be handed in at any time during the term. The following are a list of ideas for your child to choose from:

- Practice adding two-digit and three-digit numbers.
- Write the beginning of your very own fairytale. Create your own setting and characters.
- Research the Ancient Egyptians and create a fact file.
- Have a go at drawing using paint on the computer or create a poster on Microsoft Publisher.
- Draw a picture of yourself and your friend. Write what makes you similar and what makes you different.
- Observe your shadow throughout the day. Stand outside in the same place in the morning, mid-morning, lunch time and afternoon. Record what you notice.
- Look in a recipe book at home. What does it include?
- Write some instructions to teach a friend how to do something.
- Write a book review of a book you have enjoyed at home.

Remember, if at any time you have any concerns about your child, please feel free to contact the office to make an appointment to see me.

With best wishes,  
Miss Halliwell