

Year 3 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome!

We hope that you had a lovely summer, and we warmly wish to welcome you back to school.

Our year 3 children have settled well, the team are very much looking forward to teaching and supporting your children this year and watching them progress.

We are going to have a brilliant year!

Topic

Our topic this term is the Ancient Egyptians. Over the coming weeks the children will learn what life was like in Ancient Egypt and the different Gods who were important to the Egyptians. The children will also learn about the process of mummification and the importance of the River Nile to the Ancient Egyptians. In November we will visit the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge. We will look at the displays of Egyptian artefacts and find out how these artefacts have helped us piece together a picture of Ancient Egyptian life. Part of our artwork will be linked to our Egyptian topic. The children will make their own paper and apply their drawing and painting skills in the style of the ancient civilisation.

English

This term the children will start by writing an adventure story based on the book Mini Rabbit Not Lost by John Bond. Lessons will include activities designed to help them create settings and characters as well as developing a plot that would be appealing and entertaining to a year 2 child. Later in the term we will be writing fables and non-chronological reports. We will also be performing and writing poetry with an emphasis on using sounds and our senses to create a clear picture for the reader. The children will continue to develop their phonic and spelling knowledge to help improve their writing across the curriculum. They will also learn the importance of using editing and redrafting as a way of improving their written work.

Mathematics

The children have started their maths learning by playing games involving basic number skills. We will be moving on to looking at what each digit represents in two- and three-digit numbers, ordering and comparing these numbers. The children will complete a range of activities based on learning different mental and written methods for adding and subtracting. Later in the term we will build on their knowledge of measures, geometry and statistics. They will complete weekly arithmetic tests to apply their number skills.

Other Core Subjects

Science: This term, the children will be finding out about skeletons and muscles. They will learn about the different types of skeletons found in the animal kingdom and begin to name, and locate different bones in the human body. They will find out the main functions of the skeleton and how joints and muscles work. Later in the term, they will be learning about light, including work on shadows and reflections. The children will have the opportunity to plan, investigate and draw conclusions from various experiments throughout the term.

PE : Premier Sports will be focusing on cricket skills in Autumn 1 and multi-skills in Autumn 2. Mrs Lee will be teaching dance followed by basketball skills.

MFL: The children will be learning French, starting with simple greetings and questions. They will go on to learning to count and name different colours. After half term they will be learning vocabulary and phrases linked to the four seasons.

PSHCE - This term our topic is My Healthy Self: How can I look after my mind and body?

R.E. - The children will be learning about the key symbols and festivals of Islam and Christianity.

Final messages

PE days will be on a Wednesday and Friday. Please make sure your child has a PE kit in school on these days. The children should have suitable indoor and outdoor clothes.

Library Day is Monday.

Homework is posted on Google Classroom on a Friday. It is important that you are reading with your children regularly, including recording the reading on BoomReader.

Please also help your child to find and learn words linked to our spelling pattern or rule for the week. A list of words will be posted on a Monday afternoon. Practising basic number skills including times tables is also important. Using Numbots and TTRockstars 3-4 times a week is an ideal way to develop this basic number skill.

We hope that this information will help you support your child this term and we look forward to a fun and productive term. For more information, please also look at the 'Meet the teacher' presentation that has been emailed to you.

Best wishes

The Year 3 Team