

# Year 3 Spring 2018 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to wish a Happy New Year to all Year 3 children and their families. This newsletter gives you a summary of what your child will be learning this term. A large part of the learning in Year 3 will be based around the big question:

## 'Could you be a tomb raider?'

We will be finding out about life in Ancient Egypt and answering questions such as:

- Who was Howard Carter?
- What were buildings like in ancient Egypt?
- What can artefacts tell us about ancient Egypt?
- Where is Egypt?
- Why was the River Nile important?



If your child has any interesting books or artifacts relating to this topic, please send them into school as we love to 'show and share'.



## Science

Our science learning will focus on bones, teeth, food and muscles.

Children will answer question such as:

- What are the different types of food?
- Why do animals and humans need food?
- What are the different types teeth?
- Why do humans and some animals have a skeleton?
- If you did not have a skeleton, what would you be unable to do?

## PE

Swimming will take place every Monday. Please remember to bring a swimming hat.

PE will take place every Thursday. We will be focusing on dance (Egyptian!). Please bring a named PE kit to school every Thursday. Remember to bring your pumps in too.

## Literacy

Our literacy work will be based around:

- \*Mystery Stories
- \*Language play poems



Please help your child to learn their words for the spelling tests. Spelling assessments will take place every Thursday.

## Maths

This term our learning in maths will include:

- \*Comparing multiplication and division statements.
- \*Multiplying a 2-digit and 1-digit number.
- \*Divide a 2-digit number by a 1-number.
- \*Solve scaling problems.



## **Problem Solving**

The above objectives will also be included in problem solving work. In maths lessons, children will be encouraged to describe and explain how they have solved a puzzle or problem. They will experience a range of problem types and have the opportunity to solve problems individually, with a partner, as part of a small group or as a class. Calculating is also rehearsed daily in maths lessons. If you are unsure of the method your child has been taught, please come and speak to me.

**Times Tables** knowledge is crucial for the understanding of many aspects of maths. **If multiplication facts are not learned now, it will be difficult to grasp more difficult mathematical concepts in future years.**

We would be grateful if you could reinforce learning done in class by helping your child to learn their times tables.

TT Rockstars is proving to be a HUGE success and it really does motivate children to learn multiplication facts. We will continue to check our leader board every week. It would be great to see every child earning coins and using them to create cool rockstar avatars. You will find your child's login details in the front of their green reading record. Feel free to come and see me if you are having difficulty accessing this fantastic resource.

The website [www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk) will help reinforce maths learning. The user name is **stmaryspsh**. The password is **line14**. Maths homework will sometimes involve tasks using the 'my maths' website.



## **Art**

We will be investigating and recreating art work of ancient Egypt, through painting, drawing and model making.

## **ICT**

We will be creating and interpreting databases, making music and recording videos.

## **Design and Technology**

Children will use their knowledge of food to design and make a healthy sandwich.



## **RE**

Children will learn about what it means to be 'Called by God'. They will also explore the sadness and joy of Easter.

## **Class Assembly**

Please join us for Year 3's class assembly on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 9:10 am.**

## **Homework**

- Homework will be set on Fridays to be returned by **9am the following Wednesday**, however homework can always be handed in before this time. Any pupil who fails to hand in on this day will be asked to complete the task in reflection.
- Please ensure that your child continues to read at home each night and records their reading in the green reading record book **at least three times a week.**

I hope your child has a successful and enjoyable term. Please come and speak to me if you have any queries regarding your child's learning.

Mrs. Fricker and Miss Ogden