

Year 3 Spring 2020 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 artefacts relating to this topic, please send them into school as we love to 'show and share'.



Science

Our science learning will focus on light.

Children will answer question such as:

Why do we need light?

Why do we need to protect our eyes from the sun?

How is a shadow formed?

Why do shadows change size throughout the day?

How and why is light reflected from different surface?

PE

Swimming will take place every Monday. Please remember to bring a swimming hat. PE will take place every Thursday. An indoor PE kit will be required.

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.

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. 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 will help reinforce maths learning. The user name is **stmaryspsh**. The password is **line14**.



Art

We will be using Modroc to create an Egyptian mummy.

ICT

We will be planning a complex series of instructions (algorithms) for screen and floor turtles.

Design and Technology

Children will use their knowledge of food to design and make a healthy sandwich. We will also be looking at different food origins.



RE

Children will explore the idea of 'Jesus, the man who changed lives'.
Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday?

Class Assembly

Please join us for Year 3's class assembly on **Friday 31th 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.
- Please ensure that your child continues to read at home 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.

Miss Fricker