

# Year 3 Spring Term Newsletter 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

This newsletter gives you a summary of Year 3 topics for this term and information relating to your child's learning. A large part of their learning this term will be based around the question "Can you be a Tomb Raider?"

## History

We will be starting our new Ancient Egypt topic in which we will complete an overview of where and when the first civilisations appeared and an in depth study of Ancient Egypt and its achievements.



## Literacy

In literacy, we will be exploring mystery stories and language play poems.

We will be learning how to use conjunctions, adverbs, prepositions, and how to use subordinate Clauses to form complex sentences. Additionally, we will introduce fronted adverbials and build on our knowledge of using and punctuating direct speech. Spelling assessments will continue to take place on Thursdays and will test children on the current week's spellings. Grammar punctuation and spelling lessons can be reinforced at home by completing homework that is set on LBQ (Learning by Questions)



## Reading

It is important that children continue to read regularly at home. Children will be given the opportunity to change their home reading books daily. It is expected that children will read at home a minimum of three times and record their reading in their green reading record book. Less than three reads per week will result in an extra read at lunchtime. This provides children with an opportunity to catch up with an extra read.

## Maths

Please continue to support your child with maths by helping him/her to continue to learn their times tables (2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 8x, 10x), alongside number bonds to 100. Your child is also expected to complete up to 30 minutes per week on Times Table Rockstars.

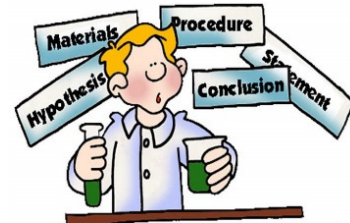
This term's learning will include:

- Recalling and using multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables.
- Writing and calculating mathematical statements for multiplication and division including for two-digit numbers times one-digit numbers.
- Adding and subtracting amounts of money to give change, using both £ and p.
- Interpreting and presenting data using bar charts, pictograms and tables.
- Measuring, comparing, adding and subtracting: length, mass, volume and capacity.
- Measuring the perimeter of simple 2D shapes.
- Counting up and down in tenths and in dividing one-digit numbers or quantities by 10.
- Recognise and use fractions as numbers: unit fractions and non-unit fractions with small denominators.



## Science

In science, our learning will centre around 'If you didn't have a skeleton, what would it stop you doing?' We will be working scientifically: exploring the strengths of different magnets and finding fair ways to compare them, sorting materials into those that are magnetic and those that are not and looking for patterns in the way that magnets behave in relation to each other. We will also be learning about the importance of nutrition, the main body parts associated with the skeleton and muscles and finding out how different parts of the body have special functions.



## PE

This term, our PE lesson will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays (subject to change in Spring 2). Our lessons will focus on movement in gymnastics, and our dance unit will be linked to our Egyptian topic. Please ensure that your child brings their PE kit every Monday and Thursday and that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.

## RE

In RE we will be learning about the Jewish faith and Passover. We will be exploring the joy and sadness of Easter and learning why Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday.

## ART

Our artwork will focus on shape and form using modroc and clay.

## Homework

It is important that all homework tasks are completed. Homework will continue to be sent out on Thursdays and should be returned no later than the following Monday. If homework is completed before Monday, pupils are more than welcome to return it to school. In addition to weekly homework tasks, children will also be expected to continue to read regularly, learn spellings and practise times tables.

Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning.

Mr. Amos

## PSHE

We will be looking at staying safe online and developing economic awareness by exploring where money comes from, lending, borrowing and budgeting.

## ICT

We will continue to use iPads, tablets and laptops in a range of subjects and will be learning about data retrieving and organising, algorithms and programs.

## DT

We will be looking at Healthy Eating and Food Origins as we make our own Healthy Sandwiches.