

Year 3 Newsletter – Summer 2

Welcome

We hope that you have all had a very restful and enjoyable half term holiday!

In Year 3 this term, our topic is 'Ancient Egypt'. This is always a popular topic in Year 3 and we have lots of interesting things planned. Please make sure that Holiday Homework projects are handed in by Friday 9th June so that we can make a start on displaying them in the classroom. Mrs Chester and Mrs Pritchard.

Spelling and Reading

This term we will continue to test spellings on a Friday and new spellings will be sent home on a Tuesday. We will also be continuing to hear the children read on their specified reading days. However, please ensure that reading books are always kept in book bags in case we need them at other times. As a reminder, children are expected to log on to Spelling Shed to practise their weekly spellings and books, which match children's reading levels, are on Ebooks.



Writing

In English we are going to be writing newspaper reports and non-chronological reports based on our Ancient Egypt topic. We will also be learning about autobiographies linked to Jeff Kinney, our class author. We will continue to practise our handwriting and to edit our work to improve vocabulary/punctuation.



Maths

In maths this term we are going to be working on time, shape and statistics. It is important that children are secure in their 2,5- and 10-times tables and are focusing on their 3, 4 and 8s.

Children are expected to practice weekly on TimesTable Rockstar to help with this. We have a weekly Times table bingo slot so that the children are visually seeing all the tables regularly.



Science

This term our topic is 'Rocks' which focuses on how rocks are formed, all of the different types of rocks, soil and fossils.



Computing

In computing, we will be learning how digital devices work and how computers connect. We will also be learning about how our school network works.



Art

We will be making Egyptian Collars and learning about applique and cross-stitch. We will be designing our own collar and decorating it using the techniques that have been taught.

Geography

Our Geography topic this term is 'Spatial Sense'. We will be focusing on reading maps and using compasses, investigating our local area and understanding human and physical geography.

Music

The focus of our lessons is Reflect, rewind and Replay. We will be learning to sing songs in this genre, will listen and appraise, take part in a range of musical activities and perform the songs.



PE

PE is back to a **TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY** afternoon as swimming has finished. We will be playing tennis and learning how to play quick cricket.

**PSHE**

Our topic for this term is Changing Me. We will learn about how we grow and change from babies and how our bodies change as we grow.

**RE**

In RE this term, we will be learning about Hinduism by looking at how important the Pilgrimage to the River Ganges is to the Hindu people.

**Homework Project**

To create a project about Ancient Egypt. Please see the separate homework sheet for a list of projects that you could complete. Can you also please, teach your children to tie their shoe laces 😊

**Skills Builder**

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities.

**Times Tables Rockstars****Spelling Shed****Rewards**

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



Class information

Class Teacher: Mrs Chester

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Pritchard

Can we please remind you that your child should only be wearing **stud** earrings to school and that your child should not be bringing sweets to school.

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.



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Monday 5th June – School **reopens to pupils**

Thursday 15th June – Mintridge visit (sport activities)
children will need to wear PE kit on this day

Wednesday 21st June – Make music day



Wednesday 5th July – KS2 Sports day (am)

Friday 7th July – Reports out

Friday 21st July – School closes for the summer