

# Year 3 Newsletter – Autumn 2 2023

## Welcome

Welcome back to term 2! We hope you have had a lovely half term break. This term we will be very busy in class with our new learning and have a fabulous trip to Flag Fenn to look forward to.

## Spelling and Reading

This year we will have our test spelling on a Friday and new spellings will be sent home on a Friday. In reading we are continuing to work on our inference and explanation skills as well as retrieval. We will be focussing on backing up the points we are making using evidence from the text.



## Writing

In English this term we will be writing using our class text from last half term, Peter Pan, to describe the characters and a setting description.

We will also be using our knowledge gained in our science lessons last half term to write a text discussing “What have we learned about the ancient Egyptians from what they left behind?”



## Maths

In Maths, we will continue to work on our addition and subtraction skills, looking at estimation and Focusing on adding 3 digit numbers by 2 digit numbers. After this we will then move on to Multiplication and division.



## Science

Our science topic this term is Cycles in Nature, We will look The Four Seasons, Seasonal Cycles in Plants, Life Cycle of a Plant, Animal Migration and the Life Cycle of a Frog



## Computing

There are no planned computing lessons for this term.



## Art & Design/Design & Technology

In art we will be studying lines in art. We will study at how artists can vary the weight of their line and then look at Hokusai and one of his famous pieces of art called “The Great Wave” they will finish the unit by make polytile printing blocks.



In DT we will be making a key ring/festive decoration for use by a member of your family at home or a friend.

## Geography/History

Our history topic this term is “Ancient Egypt”. We will be learning about where Egypt and the River Nile is, Life in Ancient Egypt, Religion and the Afterlife, Tutankhamen, Howard Carter and Hieroglyphics

Our Geography topic this term is Settlements. We will be focusing on understanding what a settlement is, types of Settlements, Urban, Rural and Suburban areas, Population Density and What do settlements need?



## Music

In music we will be looking at introducing your child to learn about the language of music through playing the glockenspiel.



## PE

PE days are **WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY** so please remember to send your child to school dressed in PE kit on those days.

Children may stay in PE kit all day. Long hair to be tied up and **no jewellery please**. Thank you.

Topics taught this term:

- Dance
- Gymnastics



## PSHE

Teaching Unit: Celebrating Difference



This will be covered in these separate lessons:

- Families
- Family Conflict
- Witness and Feelings
- Witness and Solutions
- Words that Harm.
- Celebrating Difference: Compliments

## RE

In RE we will be learning about Christianity and answering the question “Has Christmas lost its true meaning?”



## Reminders

As a reminder, our school uniform for key stage 2 is a white shirt with a purple cardigan/ jumper with black trousers/skirt and black shoes.

Children are expected to read at home daily. Reading records should be brought into school each Friday for Dojo points to be awarded.

Weekly homework will be given out on a Friday to be handed in the following Wednesday. Dojo points will be given for weekly homework.

## Homework Project

Please see separate letter.



Your child's homework is to create either:

- 1) Model of a pyramid
- 2) Model of a mummy
- 3) Create a fact sheet on Ancient Egypt.



### 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:** Mr Fortune

**Teaching Assistants:** Mrs Eden & Mrs Windsor

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day and as the weather is warmer a sun hat and sun cream.

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





**Dates for the diary!**

- Monday 30th October – School closes – teacher training day
- Tuesday 31st October - School starts term 2
- Tuesday 2nd November – PTA Halloween disco
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November- Children in Need Day
- Friday 1st December – School closed – teacher training day
- Wednesday 6th December – Key Stage 2 Christmas concert
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December- Year 3 Trip to Flag Fenn.
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December- HLA Christmas Fair
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Jumper Day
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Lunch
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December- Class Christmas Parties
- Wednesday 20th December - School closes for Christmas holiday