

## Year 3 Summer Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term. We hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break.

### Curriculum

Our topic for this term will be Ancient Egypt where the children will be learning about different aspects of Egyptian life such as the River Nile, farming, Pharaoh's, pyramids, mummification and hieroglyphics.

We will also be using our Egyptian topic as a stimulus for our art work allowing the children to experiment with different drawing techniques. Links will also be made with Design and Technology when making Egyptian bread.

### English

In English the children will be using a range of quality fiction and non-fiction texts to stimulate their writing. Some of the texts will include 'The Iron Man' and 'Gregory Cool' as well information texts on Ancient Egypt.

Children will maintain reading through regular independent and guided sessions which can be fully supported with daily reading at home.

### Maths

In Maths we will continue to follow the 'Inspire Maths' programme, building on the Concrete-Pictorial-Abstract approach, ensuring a deeper understanding of all mathematical concepts (Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division, Data and Measures)

### Science

Our next science topic is 'Plants' where the children will be learning about the different functions of a flowering plant and their requirements for life and growth. We will also be exploring the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal. The children will continue to have opportunities to work scientifically through extending their understanding of these areas and applying skills of investigation.

### Other areas

In Music and Computing the children will be using the software 'Garage Band' to consider the moods that can be created by music. They will also have the opportunity to create a piece of music to accompany a video.

This half term, within RE, we will be exploring Christianity and how Christians use the Bible in their lives.

Next half term we will be finding out about how weddings are celebrated in different faiths.

Outdoor PE will continue to be on a Tuesday and Indoor PE or Swimming on a Tuesday. Newton Class will be swimming for the first half term and Anning Class for the second half term.

Spellings and times tables will continue to be sent home every Thursday to be returned on the following Monday. The homework grid will be sent out at the beginning of each half term with a range of different activities for your child to complete.

Thank you for your continuing support and we look forward to a successful term. If you have any concerns, please feel free to make an appointment to speak with us.

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