



Year 3 Class Newsletter

Autumn 1



Dear Parents,

I hope you had a wonderful and restful summer holiday and that your children have been looking forward to the new challenges and excitement that moving into Year 3 brings.

The transition to KS2 is a big leap, particularly as we will be expecting the children to develop their independence more. We have already been encouraging this by children organising their own belongings and choosing and changing their own reading books independently.

If you would like to speak to me or have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

Best wishes,
Miss Parker

Context for Learning

This term, our Enquiry Question is "What made Ancient Egypt the greatest civilisation of its time?" This is a fascinating topic to explore and will enable us to learn to use a range of historical and geographic skills, including learning about chronology, inspecting artefacts, physical and human geography and mapping. We will be exploring exciting aspects of the time period including the life of the famous pharaoh Tutankhamun. This half term, we will have a visit from Professor McGinty who will teach us all about the Ancient Egyptians in his quirky and unique style!

P.E.

PE will take place on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Children will need their P.E kit in school to change into before the lesson. PE will be outside on a Monday, weather dependent. Please provide a tracksuit and trainers as well as extra layers as it gets colder!

Show and tell

Show and tell will take place on a Friday afternoon, if children wish to take part.

Modern Foreign Languages

Year 3 will be beginning to learn French. Learning will be based around building speaking and listening skills, games and songs and simple reading and writing practice. We will also explore French culture.

Music

Music in Year 3 is taught through the Upbeat music scheme, funded by the work of TEEM Clinton. Upbeat gives the children an excellent musical grounding. Upbeat will take place on Tuesday afternoons.

Reading

Reading books will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday with the children given 2 reading books. In order to make good progress, the children need to read to an adult regularly. We recommend that children read at home at least 4 times a week. Please ask your child questions about their reading to check their understanding. Please also sign their reading record every time they read.

Homework

Spelling patterns will be introduced on a Wednesday and will be revisited at times during the week. Children will be expected to continue investigating the pattern at home. They will need to build word sums based on the spelling pattern and rules taught that week and record them on the spelling sheet that comes home. There will also be four Year 3 statutory spelling words which the children will need to learn for a spelling quiz the following week. Spelling homework will be sent on a Wednesday and due in the following Tuesday.

As well as their daily reading session and spelling homework, they will have a maths activity which will be sent home on a Friday and be due in on the following Tuesday.

Useful vocabulary for this half term:

History/ Geography:

Egyptian
Pharaoh
Pyramid
Papyrus
Hieroglyphics
Mummification
Embalming
Tomb
Canopic jar
River Nile
Cartouche
Scarab
Ankh

Science – Forces:

Force
Push
Pull
Open
Surface
Magnet
Magnetic
Attract
Repel
Magnetic Poles
North
South
Metal
Iron
Steel
Friction