

# Year 3 Class Newsletter

## Autumn 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the half term break – I hope that you enjoyed the rest and recuperation. It was a pleasure to spend the time discussing your child's progress with you, and I'm now looking forward to another fun and exciting half term on the run up to the Christmas holiday.

In addition to the children's usual curriculum, we will be taking part in the KS2 Christmas production with Year 4. This year we are doing Jack and the Beanstalk. We will be sending out information about the performances and costumes over the next few weeks, so keep an eye out! Our class will be providing the majority of the dance and musical input, which I know the children will really enjoy. I will send home songs for the children to learn over the next few weeks, and I would appreciate your support in helping them to do this.

As the pace and difficulty of learning that we are attempting increases, so too does the children's need for plenty of sleep. This is particularly true during the long, wintery half terms, where coughs and colds are common. I would be grateful if you would encourage your child to be in bed early enough to be fully rested so that they can get the most out of each day's new learning. I would also appreciate you reminding your child to regularly change their reading book and continue to read books at home at least 4 times a week, both independently and with an adult.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Hawley

### P.E.

This half term, outdoor P.E. will continue to be taught by Mrs Wallace. Please ensure that your child has suitable trainers and warm clothing with them so that they are comfortable. We will aim to continue these sessions until the weather makes it unsuitable.

As always, please double check that all their kit is clearly marked with their name and that it is with them throughout the week in case of the need for a timetable change.

### Context for Learning

Our Egyptian investigation certainly started with a bang last half term! The children really enjoyed the visit from the time-travelling historian Professor McGinty, who showed the children some of the wonders of this ancient civilisation, including real artefacts that they handled and discussed. We will continue embedding our Egyptian learning throughout the other subjects to promote the children's natural curiosity and passion for learning. This week we have spent time sharing the Tutankhamun projects the children made over the half-term break – I have been really impressed with their work and I think the children have really enjoyed the opportunity to show off their independent learning. Thank you all for the support that you provided with your child's project.

### Homework

All homework is based around that week's learning and designed for children to do independently. Please let me know when your child has not accessed it independently. A reminder that:

- Literacy homework is sent home on Mondays and handed in by Friday.
- Maths homework is sent home on Fridays and handed in by Tuesday.

### Rewards

We will be continuing our whole class reward systems of 'Secret Star', the marble jar, and merit cards. We will also continue to have a Maths Magician and a Writing Wizard each week.