

Year 3 Curriculum Letter - Spring 2 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you had a relaxing half term break! This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,

The Year 3 team



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History

During this half term, we will be continuing to look at Ancient Egypt and our enquiry: "How did Ancient Egypt last for 3000 years?", with a focus on Ancient Egyptian society. We will be studying how Ancient Egyptians lived on a daily basis, their beliefs (Gods and Goddesses) and what different societal roles there were during that time. There will also be spotlight lessons on specific Ancient Egyptians and their importance. The children will also be learning about the significance of the pyramids in the Ancient Egyptian way of life.

English

This half term we will be reading 'Cinderella of the Nile', a version of the original Egyptian classic. We're also looking at a new book; 'The Last Garden' which is story with the themes of war, peace and hope. We'll complete various writing activities including diary entries, short narratives and setting descriptions in response to the texts, where we'll build on our vocabulary and explore a range of sentence types.

Maths

Our first focus for the half term will be length and perimeter where we will continue to develop our measuring skills. We'll then move on to fractions, where we'll look at unit and non-unit fractions and representing them using bar models. We'll also compare, order and count in fractions in this unit. Our term will end with a focus on mass and capacity, where we'll measure in kg and g and ml and l. Cooking together at home would be an excellent opportunity to further support this!

Science

Our topic for this half term in science is plants. Children will be learning to identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants. They will explore the requirements of plants for life and growth as well as the way in which water transported within plants. Children will explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal.

Computing

This half term, we will be focusing on data and information where we will be building and using branching databases to group objects using yes/no questions.

Rough daily timetable:

9:00-9:30 Reading
9:30-10:30 English
BREAK
10:50-11:00 Snack Time
11:00-12:30 - Maths
LUNCH
1:30-2:30
Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE/Spanish
2:30-3:20
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Dates for the diary:

Wednesday 8th March 2023 - Egyptian Workshop (in school)
Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd March - Trip to Petrie Museum - (details to follow).

Nature Garden: Wednesday afternoon
PE days: 3SB - Monday & Friday
3CB - Tuesday and Thursday
3LM - Tuesday & Wednesday

On PE days, PE kits must be worn to school, especially trainers. Please ensure that your child's clothing is appropriate, comfortable and suited to the weather.