

# Year 3 Curriculum Letter - Spring 1 2022

## WELCOME BACK!

We hope that you had a wonderful winter break! This letter will provide you with key information for the term ahead. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks, the Year 3 team.

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## Topic

Our whole spring term topic will be the Ancient Egyptians. This will be the focus for our history, geography and foundation subjects. We will be exploring who the Ancient Egyptians were as a civilisation, their beliefs and daily lives, the making of the pyramids, the importance of the River Nile and much more! Please see the topic homework to for more information.



## English

This term in English, we will begin by focusing on the text 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin' by Michael Morpurgo. This is a beautiful retelling of the classic children's tale, with a happier ending than the traditional story. We will then read some topic related fiction; 'Cinderella of the Nile' which is a wonderfully illustrated alternative version of the traditional story Cinderella. We will be using these books to help develop children's writing skills within the context of retells, fiction, and writing newspaper reports, as well as exploring character descriptions and writing diary entries, using engaging and interesting language. To support children in their developing literacy skills, we will continue to do daily comprehension, reading and spelling activities. We are also continuing regular handwriting to encourage pride in presentation.



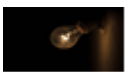
## Maths

We will be beginning this term with multiplication and division where we'll continue to practice the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. We will be building up to multiplying and dividing a two-digit number by a one digit number using a range of methods aimed to support understanding. We'll complete a number of reasoning and problem-solving tasks too. We will then move on to money where we'll apply all addition, subtraction, multiplication and division skills learned so far to the context of money. We'll end the term by looking at statistics.



## Science

Our topic for this half term is light and dark. We will be learning about different sources of light, and that we need light to see. The children will work scientifically and collaboratively to investigate reflective materials, and work in a hands-on way to find out more about reflective surfaces. They will develop scientific enquiry skills, making observations, predictions and conclusions.



### Rough daily timetable:

9:10 - 9:30 Spelling/Times table practise  
9:30 - 10:40 Maths  
BREAK  
11:00 - 11.30 Reading  
11:30 - 12.30 English  
LUNCH  
1:30-2:30  
Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE  
2:30-3:20  
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### Dates for the diary:

4.2.2022 - NSPCC Number Day  
11.2.2022 - Tutorial Day  
**PE days:** Please note, these have changed slightly:  
3LS - Monday & Tuesday  
3CB - Monday and Tuesday  
3LM - Tuesday and Wednesday  
On PE days, PE kits (black or navy tracksuit bottoms, leggings or shorts and a white polo shirt or house T-shirt) must be worn to school, especially trainers. If trainers are forgotten 3 times, your child will receive a detention. Please ensure that your child's clothing is appropriate, comfortable and suited to the weather conditions that day.