

Year 3 Newsletter Summer Term 1 | Monday 15th April 2024



Looking forward....

With the weather improving, we look forward to getting the children outside for more engaging lessons. We will be rounding off our Ancient Egyptian learning and looking forward to studying another Ancient Civilisation; The Ancient Greeks.

As Artists, we will develop our skills of line and patterns as we work with chalk pastels to replicate the beautiful details within some greek pillars.

In Geography, we will use our enquiry skills to study mountains, looking at both the physical and human features of these magnificent formations.

In Spanish, we will reflect on our learning to date and use our Spanish vocabulary to communicate with some French pen pals.

Looking Back...

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a lovely Easter break. With another term completed, we are now ready to begin our final term of the academic year!

Last term, the children continued to engage fully in their Ancient Egyptian topic. After a fun-filled and action-packed express day, it is clear we have some Egyptologists in the making! The children thoroughly enjoyed investigating the death of King Tutankhamun, deducing and studying evidence from the past to conclude whether he died from injury, illness or murder. They worked excellently in their groups and articulated their thinking very clearly using the evidence to support their ideas.

In English lessons, the children enjoyed writing a diary entry about the discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamun. They tried hard to use a range of topical vocabulary, conjunctions to vary their sentence structures and expanded noun phrases to give further descriptions. The teachers thoroughly enjoyed reading these.

The learning continued in Science, where the children studied animals, including humans. They communicated their learning of healthy, balanced diets and began looking at how energy is passed through food chains. The trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park further embedded this learning. We were so proud of the respect and responsibility they demonstrated on this trip, whilst having fun, learning and representing their school.

Special mentions!

During the course of the year, please let us know if your child has a special achievement that you would like to share with us.

Reading....

Your child should bring home one book from school; a fiction book from the Y3 Reading Spine. In addition to this, your child may also bring home a phonics book and a weekly themed text on an A3 piece of paper - both of these texts should be read to an adult.

Please continue to encourage your child to read at home as this will greatly increase understanding and vocabulary. As always, record your child's reading, including Reading Eggs, at home on the Reading Logs on Marvellous Me. The Google form should be completed and submitted weekly before Friday morning.

The prompts below will help form discussions with your child around what they are reading.

- **What impression of the character/place do you have? Why?**
- **What did the actions/speech of the character suggest?**
- **Can you summarise what you have read or learned?**
- **Which word has the same meaning as...?**
- **If you were to draw the setting, what would it look like?**



We will finish reading 'The secrets of a Sun King' by Emma Carroll before we move on to reading our Greek themed text 'Beasts of Olympus: Beast Keeper' by Lucy Coats.



Reminders!

P.E. Schedule

The Year 3 children will have two sessions of PE every week, with PE days being on Monday and Tuesday for 3HT and 3KL and on Tuesday and Thursday for 3RE. We ask that all children come to school in their P.E. kit on the days that they have P.E. PE kit is as follows: white t-shirt, black shorts/leggings or black tracksuit, and black trainers. For the remainder of the academic year, the year 3 children will have PE on a Tuesday with Mr Goddard from Xcite sports. This is something that I am sure a lot of them are looking forward to!

X (formally Twitter) and Marvellous Me

If you would like to keep up-to-date with your child's learning in school, then check out the school's X page. The account details are listed at the top of this letter. We also encourage you to track your child's learning on the Marvellous Me app.

Times Tables

Please continue to encourage your children to practise their times tables at home! It has been great to see children growing in confidence as they become more secure with this, and they will reap the benefits of this throughout the year in maths lessons. By the end of year 3, it is expected that pupils know their 2,5,10,3,4 and 8 times tables.

Year 3 Home Learning Summer Term



Below are some home learning project ideas related to this term's topic, 'Ancient Egyptians'. This home learning encourages the children to become investigative learners and to develop their enquiry skills, independence and creativity.

This project needs to be in school by **Monday 20th May**. If your child needs any paper, or other resources that school can provide, please encourage them to ask their class teacher.

Project Ideas

- Create a mosaic of an Ancient Greek god or goddess.
- Design and make a mask that could be used in an Ancient Greek play.
- Hold your own mini Olympics.
- Write your own modern-day mythical story.
- Use clay to make your own Ancient Greek vase.
- Make a Greek dish for the class and your family to enjoy.
- Recreate your own Ancient Greek architecture.
- Build your own chariot.
- Use Google maps to travel to Greece. Create a tourist leaflet to persuade others to visit the country.
- Create a timeline of the main events that took place during the Ancient Greek period.

Please can you make sure your child brings their project into school on Monday, 20th May. This will give time for the children to share their projects with the rest of the class before the end of the half term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Taff, Mrs Levick and Miss Evans.

The Year 3 Team