



Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2017-2018

This term we will be exploring the following topics:

- Ancient Egypt
- Christmas Time

In our spiritual and moral development we will:

In our spiritual & moral development we will learn to appreciate the lives and cultures of people from the past and understand the impact upon today's society.

As members of the community we will:

Actively encourage members of the local community to maintain and care for the local environment.

We are a Rights Respecting School.

We will recognise our right to an education that will help us use and develop our talents and abilities. It will also help us to learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people. (Article 29).

As
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As enterprising people we will:

We will sell our products to raise money for school equipment.

A message from your child's class teacher:

Welcome back after a well-earned Summer break! Year three have a very engaging autumn term planned, which will include educational visits in order to enhance children's learning and provide them with real life experiences. We hope that parents/carers are still willing to support us in this context by ensuring that consent forms are sent back in to school as soon as possible so the administration process is made easier – sorting forms and contributions on the morning of the visit is quite disruptive. We thank you for your cooperation in relation to this. Could we also thank you for supporting your child/ren with the homework that will be sent home during the autumn term. Please could all parents/carers ensure that children are given time to complete homework tasks over the weekend and reminded to keep books in their school bags to avoid forgetting/losing/damaging them? (Homework **is** beneficial to children as it helps to consolidate learning whilst also providing parents/careers with an opportunity to discuss what their child/ren is learning on a weekly basis). Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any problems or queries.

This term we will be developing our knowledge and understanding of the Ancient Egyptians and sources of light, forces and magnets. Please support your child by:

Ensuring children have a quiet area in which to complete any homework set. Encourage your child to discuss and explain their homework tasks and daily learning with you.

Special Events/Announcements:

We will be participating in an educational visit later in the autumn term relating to our Ancient Egypt topic. Details will be added to the school website and letters issued to parents/carers upon confirmation of visits and events.

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English	We will be covering a range of English skills through an in depth study of narrative texts and traditional tales. Much of our writing will incorporate texts linking to our Ancient Egypt topic.
Mathematics	We will be consolidating and extending a range of mathematical skills and concepts, building on from key stage one. The areas we will cover are: place value and the introduction of three digit numbers to include the hundreds, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
Science	This term we will be studying two specific areas in science, 'lights' and 'forces and magnets. Our work in this subject will be a mixture of theory based work as well as practical work- where children will take an active role in their own scientific investigations.
Computing	We will be continuing to use the internet to perform research. Children will also develop understanding of a range of different skills, including: the need for copyrighting; developing safe searching habits; how to share information and participate positively in an online community, as well as continuing to design, program and debug animations.
History	Children will learn all about the lifestyle of the Ancient Egyptians, their culture and beliefs. This is an incredibly rich topic, with a wide breadth of learning opportunities.
Geography	Children will develop skills such as: navigating and using maps and atlases; developing technical, geographical vocabulary and identifying key features of Ancient Egypt.
Physical Education	Our classes will continue to visit the Aquatic Centre every Thursday afternoon to participate in swimming lessons with qualified instructors. We will also be learning how to play hockey this term.
Design and Technology	We will be designing and making products for our Christmas Fayre and canopic jars relating to our Ancient Egyptian topic.
Art & Design	The children will be developing skills related to observational drawings, sketching and

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	pastelling.
Languages	We will learn basic greetings and will be covering the unit: 'Moi' – songs and games, whilst extending and developing greetings, counting and everyday objects and items.
PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education)	We will be considering how we grow and care for ourselves and the importance of valuing differences and keeping ourselves safe.
SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning)	The two topics we will cover this term linked to our 'Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning' (SEAL) are: 'New beginnings' and 'Getting on and falling out.' Coverage in these areas will help children to prepare for their transition into year three and understand their feelings and how to manage in social situations and relationships.
Religious Education	Children will deepen their understanding of the meaning of Christmas and what we can learn from religious buildings.
Music	The children will continue to work alongside an external practitioner each Monday to develop a wide range of skills related to playing the violin.

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