

## Year 3- Autumn Term Newsletter

I look forward to another successful Year with Year 3 and here is a summary of the curriculum that we will be covering.

### English

In the first half term the children will start by focusing on 'Notes on planet earth' Oliver Jeffers. This is an introductory unit across the whole school to help the children settle back into school life. We will be looking at poetic form, creating adverts and writing reports on how we can look after the world around us. We will then move onto 'The story of Tutankhamun' which will tie in with our Ancient Egyptians history topic. We will be learning lots about Tutankhamun, writing newspaper reports, independently researching and writing instructions.

In the second half-term the children will be looking at Traditional Tales with a twist! We will begin by reading Egyptian Cinderella and retelling the story in our own words. We will then move onto writing alternative fairy tales turning the traditional 'Three little pigs' into a much more Egyptian 'Three little Sphinx'. The children really enjoy being creative with this.

### Mathematics

In the first half-term the children will be concentrating on place value. We will focus on counting, partitioning and calculating. They will be comparing and ordering numbers up to 1000. We will be adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers and 3-digit numbers and ones. They will be using both mental and written methods. We will then concentrate on multiplication and division using times tables. We will finish the term with consolidation and practicing our problem solving skills.

### RE

The RE topics this term will be 'The Christian Family' and 'Mary, Mother of God'.

### Science

Our first topic will be 'Plants'. The children will be learning the different parts of the plant and the female and male parts of the flower. We will be growing our own plants to see what conditions affect the growing and what plants need. We will

then move on to looking at the flowering plant lifecycle and pollination.

In the second half term children will be learning about 'Keeping Healthy'. This will include learning about a balanced diet and different food groups. Following on from this we will be looking at skeletons and bones of different animals and comparing them to humans. Lastly we will learn about how muscles work and investigate into whether people who do sport have stronger muscles.

### History and Geography

Our topic this term is Ancient Egypt. We will be learning about the mummies, the Gods, the pyramids, Ancient Egyptian Art and how the landscape has developed over time. The children will make fact files, reports, and posters. They will also create Egyptian headdresses and a cartouche using Egyptian hieroglyphics.

### PE

The children will need to come to school in their full PE kits on Thursdays. We will be starting the year with team games encompassing lots of ball skills and hand-eye coordination.

### ICT

In the first half term children are learning how to use 2Email, and how to structure an email. Children will also be learning about 'online safety' and where to go if they have a problem.

In the second half-term the children will move on to programming, looking at coding to produce accurate simple instructions to control an online object.

### Art

In the first half term the children will be linking their artwork to autumn. We will be creating acrylic paintings of autumn leaves and trees, using our fingers, cloth and sticks to create a variety of textures. These will inspire our following lessons on mono-printing, block printing and felt making. Both will show clear links to line, colour and composition.

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In the second half term we will be creating some lovely Christmas decorations, using collage and origami. We will also be creating Egyptian headdresses and 3D sarcophagus.

### PSHE

This term in PSHE we will be looking at 'Healthy and safer lifestyles' and 'Friendships'. Children will learn how their behaviour affects others, and understand how to be a supportive friend. We will also look at strategies to help manage conflict with others.

### Homework

Children will receive English, Maths, and Spelling homework on a Monday to be handed in for the following Monday. On Friday children will have their spelling quiz and their times tables test. Please try to listen to your child read every day and sign in their reading records. I understand this is not always possible; however it really does make a huge difference.