Curriculum Newsletter

Year 3 / Spring 1 2024



We hope you had a restful break and welcome back! We are really looking forward to our busy and fun-filled topic! This half term in Year 3 we will be looking at 'Exciting Egyptians!'



Last half term we had fun creating our own stop motion animations in computing!

Home Learning

Homework will be set on seesaw on Tuesdays. Paper copies are available weekly outside Miss Peek's room.

Reading should be completed daily and recorded in your child's reading diary. Books should be changed by the children when required and we recommend using MyON to support reading as well as the banded reading books.

Upcoming Dates

- Year 3 show and share 19th January
- Year 3 trip 8th and 9th February
- Workshare 8th February
- Safer internet curriculum day 9th February

Key vocabulary

sphinx	A winged monster with a human head and a lion's body	
pyramid	A structure or shape	
pharaoh	A ruler in Ancient Egypt	
Cartouche	A carved drawing or tablet	
Archeologist	A person who studies History	
Tutankhamun	An Egyptian pharaoh	
hieroglyph	Type of writing	
mummy	A body that has been preserved	
Papyrus	A material from a water plant	
artefact	An object made by a human being of historical interest	

Topic: Exciting Egyptians	Science	Computing
This curriculum newsletter provides an overview of your child's learning in Year 3 for Spring 1 half term. Our topic is 'Exciting Egyptians'.	As scientists we will: ★ Identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat ★ Identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement	As computer scientists we will: ★ Explore Scratch as a programming environment ★ Identify that commands have outcomes ★ Develop a sequence of commands, in a particular order, to create our own programs. ★ Create our own music by programming sequences
English	PE	RE
As writers we will: ★ Explore the story 'Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx' and look at the key features ★ Write a character description and comparison ★ Write a non-chronological report about the Egyptians As readers we will: ★ Continue to use Schofield and Sims to practise our reading and comprehension skills ★ Look at reading VIPERS (vocabulary, inference, prediction, explain, retrieval and	★ Work in teams and groups to create dances	As theologists we will: ★ Explore what philosophy is ★ Look at what a moral decision is and how people make them ★ Explore Christianity and Humanism Languages As French language learners we will: ★ Be able to talk about our family members
sequencing) to support with answering questions based on text	Art and Design Technology	Geography
	As artists and designers, we will: ★ Consolidate our learning from last term (lines, shading, texture)	As geographers we will: ★ Explore the world looking at the question - why are jungles so wet and deserts so dry?

Maths	Music	History
As mathematicians we will:	As musicians we will	As historians we will:
 ★ Consolidate our understanding of numbers to 1000 ★ Develop strategies for calculating mentally, by visualising number lines, partitioning and drawing on prior knowledge ★ Practise using the column method to calculate addition sums to 1000 ★ Consolidation our learning of the 3x and 4x tables 	 ★ Explore music from around the world ★ Celebrate differences ★ Explore different dragon songs ★ Use Charanga to support us 	 ★ Locate Ancient Egypt in time and place ★ Look at the importance of the Nile and how it was utilised ★ Explore the great pyramid of Giza ★ Explore the impact of the ancient Egyptians writing systems (hieroglyphics and papyrus) ★ Look at The discovery of Tutankhamun's
	RHE	tomb in 1922 including Howard Carter's role * Know the role of artefacts in historical knowledge
	To understand ourselves and others we will: ★ Look at what a caring friendship is ★ Understand how to navigate different conflicts ★ Explore media literacy and digital resilience	 ★ Compare everyday life in Egypt - food, religion, clothing, farming ★ Look at the roles of pharaohs (Menes, Ramesses or Cleopatra) ★ Discover Egyptian tombs, pyramids, burial sites - beliefs in gods and goddesses, mummification eg. Cleopatra