



CLASS 3 SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER

February 2023

We hope you all had lovely half term break. We can definitely feel spring in the air!

The aim of this letter is to give you an overview of what we will be learning about during the next half term of Year 3 and to share with you some of our key focuses and objectives.

Curriculum

Maths

Learning follows the White Rose Maths scheme, which ties in with the New Primary Curriculum. Key mathematical concepts covered this term include: completing our unit on measurement (length and perimeter) and learning about fractions.

Children should also be encouraged to practise their times tables as frequently as possible. The children still have log ins for Times Tables Rock Stars so please encourage them to be looking at this weekly.

English

This half term we will focus on some more writing to entertain; we will be reading 'The Egyptian Cinderella' to inspire and develop our narrative writing skills. There will also be a unit on writing to inform; we will link this writing to our topic learning and produce a report about the River Nile. For our reading, we will be looking at 'Flat Stanley's Egyptian Adventure' with a focus on making summaries and working out answers which are inferred and not so obvious. The focus will be on ensuring children are always finding evidence from the text to back up their answers.

Handwriting skills will continue to be developed this half-term as we really focus on how to correctly join our writing. Spellings will continue to be taught as discrete sessions and weekly spelling lists will be putting the whole half term's spellings on to one list and sending it out on Yammer for your reference. Reading books can be changed whenever the children need to, but they are reminded every Monday to change books (if need be) when we check the diaries.

Topic

We'll be studying the Ancient Egyptians, focusing on their achievements, religious beliefs and what artefacts can show us about the past.



Science

This half-term we will be looking at rocks and soils.

Art and Design

The children will be learning about levers and linkages. We will be using these to design, plan and make Mothers' Day cards using our new skills.

Computing

This half-term in computing we will be learning about emails.

PE

We will be doing netball and football this half term. Sessions are still on Thursdays and Fridays.

REMINDERS: Sometimes these sessions will be outside, so send your child in a PE jumper on those days. Please could children with long hair bring hair bobbles or, preferably, have their hair tied back on these days. With earrings, if the children cannot remove them themselves for the session, could they kindly not wear them on PE days. If this is not possible, please send in tape/plasters for the children to wear over the earrings for that session. On Thursdays it would be easier if children come to school with their earrings covered as they have PE first lesson.

RE

This half term we will be exploring the big question - Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'? We will be learning about the following things:

- Christians see Holy Week as the culmination of Jesus' earthly life, leading to his death and resurrection.
- The various events of Holy Week, such as the Last Supper, were important in showing the disciples what Jesus came to earth to do.
- Christians today trust that Jesus really did rise from the dead, and so is still alive today.
- Christians remember and celebrate Jesus' last week, death and resurrection.



The Young Leaders Award

This half term we will be focussing on our Young Leaders award in more detail. We have 4 sessions left to complete before the end of this academic year and this term we will be looking at the following:

- Local community – we will make links to our church, St Swithun's
- National community – we will be thinking about how we can support and raise awareness for charities

As usual, if you need anything, you can contact us via Yammer or you can arrange a phone call through the office. Please remember that first thing in the morning is not a good time to catch us for a chat (unless it's a quick essential message) as we don't always have another adult in the classroom to supervise the children.

Water bottles and snacks.

Please ensure that your child brings water in their labelled drinking bottles and that they have a healthy snack for morning and/or afternoon. If they bring it in a snack pot, please ensure these are named. No crisps, chocolate or sweets please.

Finally, just a reminder about the school trip to Southwell Minster for Time Travelling on Tuesday 7th March. Please could you make any payments outstanding via squid and set a reminder to pack a lunch that day.

Kind regards,

Miss Kilbane and Mrs Rankin