

Year 3's Newsletter



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Welcome to Year 3! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer.

We have been busy starting our new 'Ancient Egyptians' topic.

We have had some amazing homework presentations. The children clearly worked very hard on their learning. We've had beautiful paintings, a pyramid that opens up, canopic jars, quizzes and much more!

We are looking forward to finding out lots more during this half term.

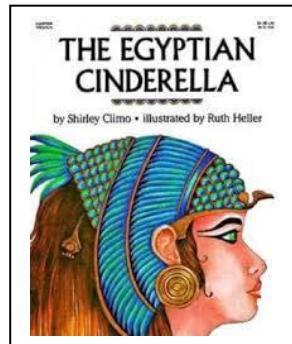
Miray's pyramid



We are also learning about our skeletons and how we move. The children have been reading lots of books about this.

English & Maths

In English, we are reading "The Egyptian Cinderella" by Shirley Climo. The children were excited to find a sparkly red shoe just like the main characters in our classroom one morning. By cracking a code written in Egyptian hieroglyphics, they discovered the other shoe was hidden somewhere in the school library. Aireen was a great detective and managed to locate it!



We will use this story to inspire our writing - in particular, writing diary entries and a newspaper report. In order to produce high quality writing, we will spend time studying diary entries and identifying their key features. These are some of the objectives we will be working on:

- To learn to write effective descriptions
- To be able to use emotive language to portray a character's feelings
- To understand how to structure paragraphs
- To be able to retell events in chronological order

We will apply our new skills to draft our own diary entries for the main character in 'The Egyptian Cinderella', before editing and completing them.

Maths

Our maths topic for this half term is 'Place Value'. Some of our main objectives will be:

To be able to represent numbers to 100, and then to 1000

To be able to find 1, 10 or 100 more / less

To be able to compare numbers up to 1000

hundreds	tens	ones
3	8	2
300	80	2

Helping at home: Practising putting 2 and 3-digit numbers in order from smallest to biggest at home would help support your child's learning.

PE

Year 3's PE lessons are on a Tuesday. This half term we are doing tennis. Children need to come to school in PE kit on these days.

Our mile run is on a Monday and Thursday.

Please provide your child with a pair of trainers in a named bag to bring to school on these days (children must wear school shoes when not doing the mile run).

Our swimming lessons are not until Spring term.



Homework

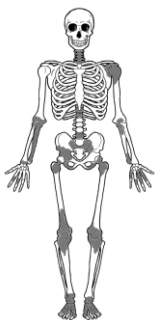
Homework in Year 3 is given out on a Friday, and is due the following Thursday. Homework will be as follows:

Reading comprehension - to be completed in the homework book

Spellings - to be completed in the homework book

Maths - to be completed on Mathematics.

There will be no spelling tests as such. Children will learn spelling patterns through a variety of activities such as homework tasks, guided reading activities and dictations. We hope this will lead to greater understanding of word meanings. Repetition through a variety of activities will also avoid spellings being learnt one week and forgotten the next!



Diary Dates

Tuesday 24th September: Trip to Wollaton Hall for 'Skeletons' education workshop.

Wednesday 9th October: Class assembly and showcase.

Please ensure you are logged onto Showbie to receive ongoing messages.