

Year 3's Newsletter

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English

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 informative posters, presentations, pyramids, books, photos from museum visits and much more!

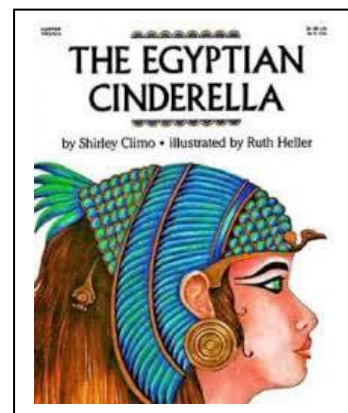
We are looking forward to finding out lots more during this half term.



Bea created a pyramid with information written under flaps

Our topic links to the overarching whole-school theme of slavery. We will be finding out how slavery shaped Ancient Egyptian society.

In English, we are reading "The Egyptian Cinderella" by Shirley Climo. This links to our Egyptians topic and also to this half term's focus on slavery.



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 afternoon. This half term we are doing tennis. Children need to come to school in PE kit and wearing trainers for this.

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 Mathletics.

Please listen to your child read at least 3 times a week and write in their reading diary. Your child can change their book as soon as they've read it at home. As well as reading their 'banded' book, children are encouraged to read magazines, newspapers and non-banded books which are available in the classroom.

Bookbags

It is compulsory all children come to school with a red Edna G Olds bookbag, containing their reading diary and bookbag, every day. Children keep their bookbags in their trays so they need to be flat. They also keep books flat and well presented. Please order from Just School Wear.

Diary Dates

2nd October: Individual photos

7th October: Trip to Wollaton Hall for a 'Bones' workshop

7th & 8th October: Parents' Evening

14th October: Year 3 class assembly and showcase