

Research Project

This half term our research project is based on our topic - **Ancient Egypt**. The purpose of the project is to research and extend our knowledge in greater detail.



The children will create a 3D model of an Ancient Egyptian pyramid, which should include objects you might find inside a tomb of a pharaoh. Inside the tomb, they will need to design a secret door where the pharaoh has hidden the last pages of his diary. The children will

then write a diary entry as the Pharaoh.

Knowledge To deepen their learning by researching an area linked to their current topic and displaying their information in a first person recount. It will also help to consolidate knowledge on 3D shapes and nets.

Skills To consolidate their recount (diary) writing skills learned in the Spring term.

Homework

In year 3 homework will be given to the children every **Thursday** and should be returned on **Wednesday**. They will have a **blue and red folder** to place their homework in and bring back every week.

Reading - please ensure that your child reads for 20 minutes every day. Talk to them about what they have read and ask some questions. For example re-tell the story, how did the author create suspense? What emotive language was used?

English & Maths activity—each week your child will receive an activity to complete please ensure your child spends at least 20 minutes a day on either.

Spellings, Times tables & Mental Maths - The children will be tested weekly. Please ensure your child learns these at home.



Year 3 Newsletter Summer 2

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Support Staff - Rayhana, Shipa and Rahela

Welcome back to the Summer 2 term in Year 3. Below are some notes and reminders so that this year runs as smoothly as possible. **Please take time to read the newsletter with your child and keep it in a safe place.** If you have any questions or require any help or support, please speak to any of the team before school from 8.55am.

Summer Weather

As the weather warms up please provide the children with a sun hat and a bottle of water to bring to school each day! Here is a reminder of our Summer Uniform:

Girls: Gingham style dress

Boys: tailored shorts

Sandals may be worn. These should be plain (no bright colours) and be sturdy and strapped to give support, so they do not break or slip off when the child is running. If they are open toed, ankle socks must be worn.

PE kits and swimming

PE for 3H is on Monday and Wednesday. 3L have PE on Wednesday and also go swimming on Mondays

Week 1	exceed	inquisitive	peak	bewildered
Week 2	confirm	contrast	peculiar	exquisite
Week 3	release	convict	peril	distant
Week 4	visible	custom	permit	ushered
Week 5	dispose	declare	plunder	compel
Week 6	deny	disorderly	plundge	reluctantly

PE kits should be in school every day the child is in (unless it is a swimming day).

Important Dates:
British Museum-

26th June

Thriftwood Residential Trip—27th & 28th June

Sports Week- week beginning 8th July

Parents Evening- 9th and 10th July

Summer Fete- Wednesday 17th July



These are the topics we will be learning this half term:

English:

Newspaper Reports- This unit will introduce the children to writing in the style of a newspaper report. They will develop their knowledge of newspaper language and conventions, including the use of direct speech. They will practice writing a range of newspaper reports, some connected to their topic work on Ancient Egypt to help them to apply their skills.

Useful Texts/links: First Newspaper (and <http://www.firstnews.co.uk>) and Newsround (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>)

Persuasion- This unit will introduce the children to persuasive language used on packaging and print advertisements. They will look at range of adverts to help them understand how these use persuasive devices such as powerful adjectives, superlatives and questions for the reader. The children will then create their own poster advert linked to their topic work on Ancient Egypt. **Useful Texts:** Newspaper/ holiday adverts.

Maths:

Measure- Children will be learning about different units of measure. They will be using grams and kilograms to measure the weight of different objects and measuring the capacity of various containers using litres and millilitres. They will learn to compare the mass of different objects and the capacity of different containers. They will add and subtract mass and capacities and will solve a range of problems involving these types of measurement.

Geometry- Children will learn to recognise and compare angles in shapes. They will learn to accurately identify, measure and draw horizontal and vertical lines. They will also make, recognise and describe 2D and 3D shapes.

Ancient Egypt

The children will begin by locating Egypt and other African nations to revise their previous learning on Africa from Year 2. They will learn about the importance of the Nile and why people chose to settle nearby. They will then learn about Howard Carter and his discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamun in 1922, to help the children explore how archaeologists help us to find out about the past. They will also learn about hieroglyphics and the importance of the Rosetta stone. Following this, they will find out about how Ancient Egyptian society was structured, comparing the life of a pharaoh and a slave, before learning facts about some significant pharaohs including Ramses II, Hatshepsut, Akhenaten, Nefertiti and Cleopatra VII. They will also explore Ancient Egyptian gods and what was believed about the afterlife, including the mummification process and the building of the pyramids.

Computing: Digital Media

Year 3 will be having weekly computing sessions this half term. They will explore the effect of music and sound in animations and videos. They will understand how they can compose music using icons and will independently create and record an advert about a holiday destination, linked to their topic 'Sun, Sea and Ski.'

Online Safety

We have set up an Old Palace Online Safety group who will meet once a term to discuss any issues/concerns in regards to online safety. The group will consist of:

Miss Millward- Deputy and Safeguarding Lead

Mr Lampard- Year 3 teacher and Computing Lead.

Abdullahi Makokha- IT Support Engineer

Online Parent Councillors representing each phase:

Hazera Akther - Reception

Amina Begum- Year 1 and 2

Sabia Khanom- Year 3 and 4

Rajna Begum- Year 5 and 6

If you have any online concerns that you would like to be discussed, please speak with your Online Parent Councillor representative before the first meeting- **Monday 17th June 9 am.**

PSHE: Healthy Relationships

This half term the children will be looking at healthy relationships. They will discuss what makes a good friend, how to be a good friend, how actions affect others and acceptable and unacceptable physical behavior.

RE: How and Why do Muslims and Jews Pray?

The children will continue to discuss prayer and how and why people pray in different religions. They will look closely at how Jewish and Muslim people pray.

P.E: Athletics

This half term, year 3 will be doing athletics. They will begin by learning different throwing techniques and then demonstrating them. They will run fast over short distances and show an awareness of others. Year 3 will develop and maintain a good, running technique to help them spring over obstacles.

Art: Drawing

In this unit, the children will develop their ability to draw people and their faces. They will explore proportions and the use of different lines and media to create different effects.