

## Year 3 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome to the new term. Children are now starting to settle into new rules and routines, topics and learning. It will be an exciting year for both children and staff.

### Literacy

We will enjoy reading and writing a variety of texts including myths, poems, reports and instructions often relating to Ancient Egypt. Children will further develop their figurative language by including adjectives, adverbs, similes and alliteration. All pupils will be expected to spell key words accurately and consistently use a variety of punctuation in sentences, statements, exclamations and questions using capital letters, full stops, question marks, exclamation marks and inverted commas correctly. All writing should be grammatically correct using the appropriate tenses and pronouns.

### Mathematics

Children will continue to extend their place value knowledge and will learn to compare, round and order numbers up to and beyond 1000 including fractions. All pupils will be expected to know multiplication and corresponding division facts for 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables. Children will continue to develop accurate mental and formal calculation skills to add and subtract combinations of two and three-digit numbers. During the term, children will identify properties both 2D and 3D shapes including obtuse, acute and right angles. Children will measure in a wide variety of units including length, mass, capacity and money.

### Other Core Subjects

#### Science

We will be investigating studying humans and animals including looking at requirements of living things and how humans and animals move. In the second half term, we will be investigating rocks and soils, including formation of volcanoes, waterfalls and fossils.

## Computing

Children will design, write and programme algorithms to produce a simple programme, using the software Scratch. This will be linked to our theme of Ancient Egyptians.

## MFL

During Spanish children will begin to learn their colours and numbers in a variety of interactive games and songs.

## PE

During this term children will take part in gymnastics and dance indoors as well as football and netball outdoors.

## CLJ

This term our focus is on the Ancient Egyptians including hieroglyphics, mummification, gods and their way of life. During October, the children will enjoy a themed Egyptian day with an outside company where they will learn about everyday life and the royal court. Other sessions will include art, geography, PE and Design and Technology.

## Homework

- All homework and spellings will be linked to learning that has taken place that week in class. This will include:-
  - ❖ Times tables and division facts which will be tested on Thursdays.
  - ❖ Spelling patterns to learn. Throughout the week children will be given opportunities to practise and show what they have learned.
  - ❖ Your child is expected to read for 10-15 minutes each day. This could include books, magazines, newspapers, etc
  - ❖ A short piece of literacy and mathematics or a longer piece of CLJ.

Your continued support is appreciated and we look forward to working with you this year. Please do not hesitate to speak to us about any concerns or questions.

Mrs Marshall and Mr Vale