



17<sup>th</sup> July 2017

## Awesome Egyptians

Dear Year 2 Parents & Carers,

Year 3's first topic will be 'Awesome Egyptians.' We will be basing our topic around life in Ancient Egypt. The children will find out what it was like to live more than 2000 years ago. This topic will be cross curricular, so some of our Art, D&T, Geography and Music will be linked to this theme.

In English we will be using Ancient Egyptian themed stories as a basis for making our writing interesting and dynamic by adding detail. The children will write their own setting for an Ancient Egyptian themed story.

In Maths we will be covering place value, the 4 operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and measurement with an emphasis on explaining our work and problem solving. We will also have a mental maths and calculations focused lesson each week. Please try to help your child learn their times tables over the summer holidays as this will benefit them in all areas of maths over the coming year.

In Science we will learn about Forces and nutrition in humans and other animals.

In RE we will be studying Ancient Egyptian gods and creation stories.

For homework, the children will receive a combination of English, Maths on alternating weeks and there may be occasional project based homework.

**Optional summer homework:** if your child would like to research the Ancient Egyptians to give them a head start with our topic that would be great. They can bring anything that they find out or make as a result, on the first Thursday of term (7<sup>th</sup> September) when they will have the opportunity to share what they have learned with the rest of the class.

Spellings will be sent out on a Monday and tested on the following Friday. Children will also complete a weekly times tables challenge to increase their speed with times tables.

In addition, as in previous years, children are expected to read each day and complete a reading journal. The children will receive stickers if they read 5 times or more a week.

Our PE days will be Wednesday and Friday, they will need a full PE kit including shorts and jogging bottoms for when the weather is colder. Please ensure all PE kit and school clothes are clearly named.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am very much looking forward to the exciting year ahead.

Kind Regards

Mrs. Newitt, & Miss Eckersley