



16<sup>th</sup> July 2018

## 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 and 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 and Geography will be linked to this theme.

To start our topics with a "Wow!" on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September, the whole school will have a History Day, where Year 3 shall be travelling in time back to Ancient Egypt. It would be lovely if the children dressed up as Ancient Egyptians for this day (but please don't spend lots of money on a costume).

In English we will be using Ancient Egyptian themed stories as a basis for making our writing interesting and dynamic by adding detail. In Maths, we will be covering place value and the 4 operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) with an emphasis on explaining our work and problem solving. We will also have sessions where we keep practising our calculations skills. In Science we will learn about "Forces and Magnetism" and "Nutrition in Humans and Other Animals" and in RE we will be studying Ancient Egyptian gods as well as creation stories from other religions.

Our usual PE days will be Wednesday and Friday, however, children will need a full PE kit including shorts (and jogging bottoms for when the weather is colder) in school at all times. Please ensure all PE kit and school clothes are clearly named.

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

Spellings will be sent out on a Monday and tested on the following Monday. These will be practised every day in school and should also be practised at home every day.

In addition, as in previous years, children are expected to read at home each day and complete a reading journal. The children will receive Owl merits if they read 4 times or more a week.

**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 in anything that they find out or make as a result, on our History Day (10<sup>th</sup> September) when they will have the opportunity to share what they have learned with the rest of the class.

Finally, please 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.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are very much looking forward to the exciting year ahead.

Best wishes,

Mrs. Newitt, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Arthur & Mrs. Kennedy