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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very excited to welcome your children into Year 3 (and help them to take their first step into the Juniors!) in September. We thoroughly enjoyed starting to get to know your children during our transition morning and can't wait to get to know them (and all of the adults!) even better in September.

Year 3 will be exploring the key question: 'How different would life be if we travelled back to Ancient Egypt?' where the children will find out what it was like to live in Ancient Egyptian times. This question is cross curricular, so our History and some of our Art and Geography will be linked. The children will be working on this question to produce a sequence of 'mini' outcomes and eventually, a final outcome.

In English, we will be using Ancient Egyptian themed stories, including 'The Egyptian Cinderella' by Shirley Climo as a basis for creating a 'Rags to Riches Tale'. We will also be producing a recount in the style of a letter. Additionally, we will be exploring 'Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx' by Joe Stanton to help us to produce our own 'Tale of Fear'. Also, we will be creating our own Haikus! The children will have opportunities to practise and apply their writing skills across the curriculum. Our reading comprehension sessions will focus on developing the children's vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval, sequencing and summary skills across a range of fiction, non-fiction, poetry and play script texts. We will be continuing to practise handwriting using the cursive approach and will learn our new spelling rules and patterns within the RWI scheme.

In Maths, we will be covering place value and the 4 operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) with an emphasis on explaining our workings out and problem solving. We will also have fluency sessions, where we will keep practising our calculations skills and things we found a little tricky in year 2.

In Science, we will be investigating 'Forces and Magnetism' and 'Animals, Including Humans'. The children will also develop their enquiry and investigative skills across these units.

Within R.E, we will be studying Ancient Egyptian gods as well as exploring the questions: 'What do Christians learn from the Creation story?' and 'What is it like for someone to follow God?'

In our Computing sessions, we will help to develop the children's awareness of Digital Citizenship and E-safety, as well as General ICT skills and Word and Data Processing skills.

The children will also be introduced to weekly French sessions where they will learn how to greet, ask how someone is, ask and answer question about names, number and colours as well as answering 'I can' statements. In Music, we will be learning and listening to 'Let your Spirit Fly' by Joanna Mangona and be introduced to the Glockenspiel.

Within Art and Design and Design and Technology, the children will be learning about the formal elements of art, including practising their shading skills and ability to manipulate wire. Linking to our science, the children will also be planning, making and evaluating a healthy snack.

Our usual P.E day will be on a Friday; please ensure all P.E kit (and school clothes) are clearly named. Thank you in advance for this! Please remove your child's earrings (if possible) on P.E lesson days. If they are not removed, your child will be asked to cover their earrings themselves with medical tape. This is to prevent any injuries during these active lessons. Throughout the autumn term, we will be developing coordination, static balance and jumping and landing.

We will be having weekly P.S.H.E sessions following our Jigsaw scheme, which will focus on developing a growth mind-set, 'Being Me in My World' and 'Celebrating Difference'.

For homework, the children will usually receive a piece of English or Maths work every Monday and there may be occasional homework linked to other subjects. This homework will be marked and discussed with the children on the following Monday. Spelling rules or patterns will be sent via DoJo. In addition, children are encouraged to read at home as much as possible (either with an adult or independently) and complete a reading journal. The reading journals will be collected in and checked every Friday. Each time a child has read at home, they will receive a raffle ticket entry in our reading raffle!

If you have any queries, now or at any time, please do not hesitate to contact us! We are very much looking forward to the exciting year ahead and working in partnership with you to help your child achieve their full potential next year.

Have a fantastic summer break and we can't wait to welcome you and the children back in September!

Kind regards,

Miss Dudge, Mr Hyde, Mrs Hadfield, Miss Cullen and Mrs Jones