

# Year 3 Newsletter



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## Spring Term

### English



In the Spring Term we will write;

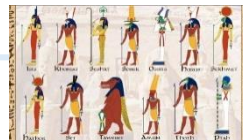
- A narrative based on the story Macey and the riddle of the Sphinx
- A set of instructions linked to mummification.
- A playscript linked to the novel Charlotte's Web.
- A conversation linked to the novel Charlotte's Web.
- An informal letter linked to the novel Charlotte's Web.



### Maths



In the Spring Term we will continue our work on multiplication and division, where the children will be learning to multiply and divide with 2 and 3-digit numbers. We will then move on to learn length and perimeter, where we will measure, compare, add and subtract lengths using m, cm and mm. We will be working out the perimeter of 2d shapes.



### Science



Spring 1 – Forces and Magnets. We will learn about different types of forces (push, pull and gravity), observe how magnets attract and repel and explore different magnetic materials.

Spring 2 – Plants. We will describe how plants adapt to their habitats, describe the function of different parts of a plant, consider the life-cycle and consider pollination.

### Wider Curriculum

**History** – Our topic is Ancient Egypt. We will name and describe important gods and goddesses, explain why the pyramids are built and understand why the River Nile is essential.

**Geography** – Water cycle and the River Nile. We will locate Egypt on the globe and describe the climate, locate Cairo on a map of Egypt, describe the rainfall in the North of Egypt and look at how Egyptians trade.

**PSHE** – we will explore ways to keep safe (managing risks, making sensible decisions, drugs and staying safe online) and looking at different rights and respects.

**RE** - Our Key Questions are; Could Jesus heal people? Were these miracles or is there some other explanation? And What is good about Good Friday?

**Music** - We will explore different sounds using a range of instruments and looking at poetry from different countries around the world.

**Art** – Impressions of Rivers: We will explore different techniques of impressionists who represent water and apply this to create our own piece.

**DT** – This half term we will be using art straws to create our own pyramids.

### PE

Our sport in Spring 1 is Bench ball and in Spring 2 will be Cricket.

PE will be on a Tuesday until half term, then Friday.

### How can you help at home?

Reading – please promote reading as much as possible by engaging with the book your child brings home and other books they may enjoy. This can be them reading to you, or you reading to them.

Times Tables – Revise times tables. Our favourite game is Hit the Button, which can be found on Top Marks. There are also some great games on Purple Mash.

[Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds](#)

[Purple Mash by 2Simple](#)

Dojo – please engage with dojo as much as possible. The children love seeing when parents have viewed and liked posts.

### Key Dates

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January – Come join us morning.  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January – Magna trip.  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Outdoor learning day.  
9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> February – Children's mental health week.  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Valentines disco.  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Parents evening.  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – World book day.  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Red nose day.  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Easter hunt.

