

## Message from Year 3



Hello and Happy New Year, Year 3! We hope you all had a fantastic holiday and are ready for an exciting new term! We have so many fun things to do and learn together. This term, get ready for some hands-on activities, creative projects, and lots of fun along the way.

### As Writers

As Writers, we will be studying non-fiction texts about the Egyptians, moving on to writing an adventure story based on Flat Stanley and the Great Egyptian Grave Robbery. This text will give the children the opportunity to develop their character descriptions, use of powerful verbs, fronted adverbials and use of simple speech. We will be writing our own shape poems and writing some letters



### As Readers

As Readers, we will be reading information about the Ancient Egyptians and the reading Flat Stanley and the Great Egyptian Grave Robbery. We are going to read the Funny poem The Centipede Song by Roald Dahl, focussing on our speaking and performing. Next half term, we will read The Firework Makers Daughter by Phillip Pullman.



### As Mathematicians

As Mathematicians, this term we will be consolidating the addition and subtraction of 3-digit numbers using a column method, including exchanges.

We will be embedding our understanding of times tables, with a particular focus on the 4-times table. Then moving on to using these facts to solve division calculations and beginning to explore the idea of remainder. Telling the time to nearest 5 minutes will be a big focus this term, as will increasing our understanding of fractions and 2D shape.



### Home Learning

Home Learning – 10 weekly spellings, PAL facts especially 4x table, reading, TTRS and Spelling Shed. Check Showbie for extra homework challenges.



### As Scientists

We will be observing the appearance and physical properties of rocks, the children compare and group different rock samples, learn about fossil and soil formation and record soil drainage rates in a bar chart.



### As Philosophers

We will be exploring where our morals come from, and identifying similarities and differences between different religious guidance.



### As Geographers

We will be learning about how latitude and longitude link to climate and the physical and human features of polar regions with links to the explorer, Shackleton.



### As Technologists

We are learning how to send and edit emails, add attachments and how to be a responsible digital citizen by thinking about the contents of what is sent. Our online safety focus will be knowing to speak to a responsible adult before sharing personal information online.



### As a Sports person

In this unit, the children will develop and apply their dynamic balance on a line and ball skills through focused skill development sessions, healthy competition, cooperative games and group Personal Best challenges.



### As Designers

In design and technology this half term, year 3 will be demonstrating their ability to use cross-stitch as a decorative feature or to join two pieces of fabric together to create an Egyptian collar.



### As Musicians

The children develop their singing technique. Learning to keep in time and work on musical notation and rhythm, the unit finishes with a group performance of a song with actions.



### As Artists

The topic for art this half term is drawing. We will be developing an understanding of shading and drawing techniques to create botanical inspired drawings.



### As Historians

We will be finding out about Egyptian beliefs, children will make inferences about beliefs and the afterlife using primary sources. They will investigate pyramids, gods and goddesses, and mummified people, before creating a video clip to summarise their findings.



### As Citizens

We will be learning about managing our feelings and emotions.



## Foundation Subject Areas

## Core Subject Areas

