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Spring 2 Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you have had a lovely break over the half term.

This half term the children will be engaged in a variety of challenging, engaging and interactive learning opportunities and it promises to be a very busy few weeks.

Our topic focus for the second half of Spring term will remain the Ancient Egyptians. We had a fantastic range of educational experiences in relation to Ancient Egypt last half term and will continue these going forward. We will be looking at: mummification, Ancient Egyptian Gods, written language, and the geography of modern Egypt.

We are very much looking forward to our visit to the National Coal Mining Museum on the **6th of March 2018 for Jays and the 13th of March for Wrens**. Children need to be in school at the usual time and we anticipate arrival back at school for the end of the school day. This will provide the children with an in-depth look at the life of a child in a Victorian mine and will be a great start to the next history ready for Summer term. Please ensure you have given permission for your child to attend the school trip through the school's website. Please contact Mr Morrison or Mrs Ord if you are struggling with accessing the link.

In Science, we will be learning about light, its uses, and shadows. We'll also be doing lots of practical lessons this half term; including using puppets to investigate the effects of objects blocking a light source and finally making our own sundials!

Please remind children that shoes must be completely black and that trainers are not allowed (unless they are completely black and appropriate). Additionally, children will not be allowed to take part in P.E without appropriate kit.

Spellings will continue to be given out at the beginning of the week in preparation for the test at the end of each week. Children should be reading at home regularly, at least three times a week. Please sign their planners to show they have read at home.

Many thanks for your continuous support.

Year 3 teachers
Mr Morrison and Mrs Ord.



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English

Our class novel for this term will be **Ancient Egypt: Tales of Gods and Pharaohs**. We will be reading this as a class and using it to inspire our writing – a rewrite of the Egyptian tale, ‘King Tutenkamun’.

We will also be looking at **Men, Women and Children in Ancient Egypt** in Guided Reading in class.

Computing

Our theme for this half-term is collecting and analysing data to construct databases. We will be using various pieces of equipment and software to gather facts, fiction and opinion for our databases.



PSHCE

We will be learning the facts about Identity, society and equality with a focus on celebrating difference. Pupils will also learn about valuing the similarities and differences between themselves and others

P.E Coordination and control is our underlying theme for this half-term.

R.E.

How are beliefs expressed through arts? Children will also explore the use of colour and how can be used to express religious ideas and feelings.

Science

Light and Shadows.

We'll be looking at recognising the need for light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light. Following this, we'll move on to learning that light from the sun can be dangerous and there are ways to protect our eyes.

History

Ancient Egyptians

We will be looking at the Ancient Egyptian civilisation; the importance of the River Nile and how this was relied upon to provide crops.

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Important Information

- National Coal Mining permission and payment
- Children are encouraged to read at home at least 3 times a week, planners must be signed.
- Reading books are changed when needed.
- Spellings given out on a weekly basis in both classes and tested at the end of the week.
- P.E. kit is needed in school every day.

DT: Collage and Sculpting

Linked to the Ancient Egyptians we will be constructing our own Egyptian cartouches. In addition, we are also designing and using our own hieroglyphics to write secret messages!

Music

We will be singing songs linked to our upcoming lower-KS2 production. We're focussing specifically on pitch and learning to sing a part independent of a small group.

Maths

- 2D Shape
- 3D shape
- Position and Direction
- Time
- Addition
- Subtraction
- Data- Handling
- Statistics
- Weekly arithmetic skills
- Problem solving and reasoning