

Year 3 Newsletter Spring 1

Year 3 are reading the fantastic story of The Egyptian Cinderella this term. Whilst investigating and exploring the link between this modern tale and its traditional counterpart, Cinderella, we'll be writing a re-tell as well as our own amazing narrative based on the events of the book.

Later on in the term, Year 3 Jays and Wrens will be producing some intriguing travel brochures, making the most of persuasive language techniques and then the children will become journalists to write their own hard-hitting news reports.

With powerful language and beautiful illustrations, we'll be spending lots of time describing characters and settings, to bring our writing to life.

This term, Year 3 will be continuing to strengthen their understanding of mental and written addition. Building on learning from last term, the children will apply their knowledge to work out word problems and to explain their answers using reasoning and explaining strategies.

We'll be spending time learning about fractions, money and measurement (length, volume and capacity) too. As we are studying The Ancient Egyptians this term, the children will have lots of opportunities to apply their maths learning across the curriculum, including building pyramids with 3D shapes and adopting the Ancient Egyptian number system to decode some mathematical problems!



Following our brilliant trip to **Leeds Discovery Centre** last term, Year 3 will have a very special school visit from a historian from the centre. They'll be bringing some Ancient Egyptian artifacts and introducing the pupils to this beguiling period in history.



Which is the longest bone in the human body? Do people with longer legs jump further/higher? These are just some of the exciting questions Year 3 will be investigating in their science learning this term.

Looking at animals, including humans, pupils will learn about the skeleton, muscles and nutrition. As always, we have a range of fascinating practical activities so that the children can make predictions, test their ideas and then reflect upon their findings, building their scientific thinking skills throughout.

Towards the end of the term, pupils will get the chance to design and then make a healthy packed lunch, exploring the ideal amounts of nutrition needed for adults and children.



We are really excited to be studying the fascinating lives of The Ancient Egyptians in **History** this term. There is so much to discover, from the importance of the River Nile and the mindblowing construction of the pyramids to the mummification process and the Ancient Egyptians way of life.

In **RE**, Year 3 will be learning about the different ways that we express beliefs, be it through music and song, art or daily routines.

The children will be getting to grips with presentation software in **Computing**. They'll be learning how to use PowerPoint and will present their slideshows to their classmates.

DT is going to put the children's construction skills to the test as they will be designing, making and evaluating their very own Ancient Egyptian shaduf.

Class Blogs: to facilitate the learning process, we regularly post learning materials online. The content of the Class Blogs will enable parents to support their child at home.

