

## Year 3 Newsletter Spring 2

This half term, Year 3 are learning to be journalists. The children will be creating catchy headlines, using hard-hitting language and including speech to write news articles.

Based on Robert Swindel's book of Egyptian stories, the pupils will be planning and writing their own imaginative narratives.

At the end of the term, Year 3 will be revisiting instruction writing and will further perfect their skills in using imperative verbs and subordinating conjunctions to write a guide on how to mummify a body.

Year 3 Jays and Wrens are learning crucial skills in measuring this half term. From the basics of how to use a ruler accurately to being able to convert between millimetres, centimetres and metres, the children will gain lots of confidence in measuring length and perimeter of 2D shapes.

Later in the half term, we'll be combining the pupils' knowledge of measurement with their fraction skills to investigate fractions of numbers, in the context of length and perimeter.

We are continuing to focus on word problems and reasoning and explaining which enables the children to fully explain their understanding.



We had a fantastic educational visit to the National Science and Media Museum in Bradford during the first week of this half term. We investigated how light is used to take photos, where light comes from and how light can be used in all sorts of intriguing and fascinating ways. It was a brilliant introduction to our light and shadow science topic.



Science is all about light and shadow this half term. Where does light come from? Why do we have shadows? Packed full of practical experiments, the children will begin to understand the difference between natural and artificial light sources, how different materials can affect the way light travels and how shadows can change depending on different factors.

Each experiment will begin with the pupils making a prediction and then testing their ideas in a scientific way.

We continue with the fascinating topic of Ancient Egypt in **History** this half term. The children are hugely captivated by this ancient civilisation. Across the curriculum, they will have the chance to create their own canopic jars in **Art**, as well as understanding how the Ancient Egyptians influenced modern society today. In **RE**, we will be studying the story of The Good Samaritan and what this religious story aims to teach people about caring for others. Pupils will become photographers in **Computing**; investigating what makes an effective photograph, taking their own photos and learning how to edit and enhance their shots. The children will be rehearsing for their **Singing For Showtime** performance in **Music** and will be understanding how to overcome fallouts with their friends in **PSHCE**.



*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.*

