

# Year 3 Curriculum Letter -Spring 1 2022

Happy New Year!

We hope that you had a wonderful break and feel refreshed and ready to begin the new year! This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,  
The Year 3 team

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## Topic

Our new topic will be Ancient Egyptians. This will be the focus for our history, geography and other foundation subjects. We will be exploring who the Ancient Egyptians were, their beliefs and daily lives, the Ancient Egyptian Gods, the importance of the River Nile and much more!



## English

This term in English, we will begin by focusing on 'Cinderella of the Nile' by Marjan Vafaeian, which is a wonderfully illustrated book on the earliest known version of Cinderella. We will be using this book to help develop children's writing skills by writing a short news report, diary entry, character description and an advert, all linked to our topic.

To support children in their developing literacy skills we will continue to do daily comprehension, reading and spelling activities. We are also continuing regular handwriting to encourage pride in presentation.



## Maths

Our first focus of the year will be on multiplication and division. This will include recapping and developing children's timetables skills, leading onto multiplying a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number. We will be continuing the weekly mental maths 'rocket' test. Please continue to support your child at home by helping them to practice their maths facts and times tables!



## Science

Our first topic is Forces and Magnets, we will be looking at forces, friction and magnetic attraction, exploring their properties, uses and carrying out investigations, all of which will help to develop children's scientific enquiry skills, by making observations, predictions and conclusions.



## Art/DT

In our art lessons we will be learning about the ancient Egyptian drawing known as hieroglyphics. We will have a go at creating our own as well as making some ancient Egyptian 3D masks.

## PE

Our lessons will take place on Monday and Wednesday. Please make sure PE kits are worn on these days. The girls will be playing football and the boys will be doing yoga.

## RE

This term in RE we will be focussing on Sikh beliefs and how Sikh sayings represent those beliefs.

### Rough daily timetable:

9:00-9:30 Reading  
9:30-10:30 English  
10:30-10:50 Maths Meeting  
BREAK  
11:05-11:45 Maths  
LUNCH  
12:30-2:30  
Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/RE/P  
SHE/Spanish  
2:30-3:10  
Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/RE/P  
SHE/Spanish

### Dates for the diary:

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February - Homework Due  
14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> February - Half term

PE days: Mondays + Wednesdays

### Reminders:

- Please ensure your child reads for **at least 10 minutes every day** and records this in their **reading journal**.
- In the cold and wet weather, please make sure your child comes to school with a suitable coat (labelled with their name) and footwear.