



Class 3 News - March 2020

Welcome back - would you believe we are heading towards Easter!

English and History: This half term we will complete reading 'There's a Pharaoh in my Bath' by Jeremy Strong. The book lends itself to our history topic, the Ancient Egyptians. Our writing will be a story in the first person, as our hero enters a tomb. The focus of our grammar work will be upon the use of prepositions and determiners.

Maths: We will complete our work relating to area and perimeter of rectilinear shapes. We will then focus upon fractions. The aspect of fractions children find particularly difficult is finding fractions of quantities e.g. $\frac{2}{3}$ of 18, so lots of our homework will focus upon this aspect of fractions. We will complete the term by focusing upon decimals, then revision of the four rules of number.

Reminder: In June 2020, pupils in Year 4 will be expected to complete an online test, where they must answer random times table facts in less than six seconds. We aim to prepare the children the best we can, so we hope to have a one-to-one session for each child with a Teaching Assistant on a Monday afternoon where they can practise chanting and answering times table facts. A slip will be sent home to say which times table your child needs to focus on next. Results seem quite promising so keep up the good work.

Art: We will link textile/fabric work and develop cross stitch skills to produce work related to our Ancient Egyptian project.

Science: This half term children will be investigating how plants grow. What they need to grow? How they adapt to their environment? Why plants are increasingly important?

Geography: We will be answering the question, "Why do we have cities?" We will then examine cities in the UK and around the world.

RE: As we build up to Easter, we will examine the significance of Palm Sunday, and how it builds into the Easter story.

Spanish: The children will be revisiting key vocabulary for months and days of the week. The children will also focus upon how the Spanish celebrate Easter.

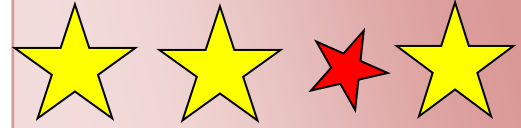
Music: We will be continuing to learn to play the recorder this year with Mrs Coulls, our music specialist from the Durham Music Service.

PE: Our swimming day remains as a Tuesday at Woodhouse Close Leisure Centre. Mrs Hargreaves and Mrs Dodd accompany the children in the water and offer support to anyone who is nervous or unsure. Your child will need a swimming costume/trunks, towel and swimming hat. Goggles are optional. Swimming hats are available to buy at the leisure centre. We have a limited supply of goggles and hats which can be borrowed if your child forgets anything.

This half term PE is on a Friday afternoon. Despite Monday's snow, we will be developing our cricket skills. We have a cricket festival to look forward to later in the year.

Most of our lessons will be outside so your child will need navy joggers and a navy jumper/white T shirt- be prepared - an extra jumper/sweat shirt on cooler days would be useful. Please can long hair be tied back and all jewellery removed on PE and swimming days?

Computing: We will be developing our programming/coding skills using Scratch. In addition, we will continue our cityscape art theme by using art and graphics packages.



Homework and Spelling

Homework is set on a Tuesday and due to be handed in the following Monday. Packs won't be sent out every night, so please send the homework book back in the polythene bag, once the homework is complete.

Weekly spellings will be sent out on a Tuesday as part of your child's homework. We really appreciate your support in helping your child to learn their weekly spellings at home. Your child will be tested on a Monday then new words organised and issued on a Tuesday.

Reading

Just to remind you that reading books will be changed twice a week. They will be changed on a Monday and a Thursday after school so on these nights, your child won't have a reading book. If you have any questions about this, please get in touch. If a book is handed in late, we will try our best to change it throughout the day but can't always guarantee this can happen.

Upcoming event

World Book Day

Request

Any spare fabric/cloth would be really useful for our art project. Thanks.

Thank you for reading our newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch,

Kind regards,

Mr Trueman



Please write a note in your child's school diary or contact the school office if there are any circumstances where they need to miss PE or swimming.

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Homework due in	Swimming	Opportunity to read aloud to a volunteer	Reading diaries due in (Books will be held overnight and changed after school)	PE
Reading diaries due in (Books will be held overnight and changed after school)	Opportunity to read aloud to a volunteer			Book Club
Weekly spelling test	Homework/spellings and new reading books and diaries sent home			Reading books and diaries sent home
Times Tables one to one session				