



Welcome to Spring 1

Term 2a - Spring

by Mrs Bradwell

Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

I have included an outline of the curriculum for this half term for your child.

Homework

I have been really impressed with the standard of homework handed in so far this academic year, thank you!

Homework will continue to be sent home on a Thursday, which will include spellings, reading and a maths activity linked to learning in school that week. Every Monday, the children will be tested on their weekly spellings, which can be found at the front of their homework book.

Reading books will continue to be sent home weekly and it would be very helpful to send books back on time so that your child can be issued a new book. **I really cannot stress the impact of regular reading at home as it supports your child's progression of reading and comprehension skills.**

Your child has the opportunity to read aloud with Mrs Dodd, once during the week and with myself during guided reading sessions so it is so important that you continue to provide opportunities to listen to your child read at home and engage in discussions about the texts they have read.

I would like to remind and encourage children to take an active role in their reading and make additional comments (to yours) in their diaries to reflect on the reading and progress they are making at home. Also I would really enjoy having an insight into what books they enjoy reading at home too.

Your child has now been given a Times Table Rockstars login and it is really important they access this at home and spend time learning their times tables to support their progress in maths. The children do have time to access this during school time and I check

progress regularly. On a Thursday, I will update our TT Rockstars chart in the classroom and the children will receive certificates and rewards based on the data.

Maths

Children will focus on various aspects of maths this term and there will be a big focus on multiplication and division over the next few weeks. Knowing the tables and their associated division facts supports mathematical learning and understanding and those children who have a strong grasp of them tend to be more self-assured when learning new concepts in maths. We will also be working with fractions, statistics, area and perimeter.

English

Over the term we will be reading 'The Egyptian Cinderella' by Shirley Climo and 'Cinderella of the Nile' by Beverley Naidoo. The children will be comparing the two stories and then compare them to different versions of traditional Cinderella before rewriting traditional fairytales set in Ancient Egypt. The children will use drama to explore the characters and will develop their grammar and punctuation skills in SPAG lessons which will then be used in their writing. Each week your child will have the opportunity to read with me in a small guided reading group and will read a variety of genres and a range of fiction and non-fiction.

Science

Miss Jewett will be teaching the topic 'Desert Life'.

PE

Our PE days will continue to be a Monday and Friday and we will be focusing on cricket and gymnastics. We are lucky to have a coach teaching gymnastics this half term, on a Friday morning. Please make sure your child comes to school wearing

their 'outdoor' school PE kit so that they are warm throughout the day. Please also make sure they are wearing sensible footwear. We ask for long hair to be tied back and all jewellery to be removed. If you have any questions about this, please get in touch.

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The children will be designing, making and evaluating a shaduf, which is a hand-operated device for lifting water, invented in Ancient Egyptian times and still used today.

They will also be using cross-stitch to design and make an Egyptian hieroglyph bookmark.

Computing

The children will continue to learn about how to stay safe online and the importance of passwords. They will plan and record a video to broadcast a news report about Tutankhamun.

History

The children will be discovering why the Ancient Egyptians built pyramids and learning about early civilization. There will be lots of opportunities to be creative and I am sure the children will enjoy learning about mummification.

I am pleased to share that everyone has settled back into Class 3 and I am very proud of their behaviour and how well they have been working!

Should you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Kind Regards,

Mrs Bradwell

