

Autumn Term Curriculum Newsletter: Year 3

<u>Autumn Term Topic:</u>	Tomb Raiders
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Dear Parents / Carers

We hope that you have had a really lovely break and that your children are feeling refreshed, revitalised and ready for the busy term ahead!

This term your children will be learning about the Ancient Egyptians. Alongside this Curriculum Newsletter, your children will bring home this term's Knowledge Organiser, which contains key knowledge, dates, figures and vocabulary that the children should learn, as part of homework, by the end of the term when they will take their 'end of topic quizzes'.

Focus on Curriculum

Below outlines some of the exciting things your child will learn about and experience this term, through the different curriculum areas.

Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Term 1 - Forces and Magnets (Push and pull forces, surface friction, Newton's law, magnet poles, magnetic and non-magnetic materials).• Term 2 - Animals and Humans (Nutrition, balanced diet, animal diet, identify animal and human skeletons, explain the main functions of a skeleton and the importance of muscles).
History 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ancient Egyptians (pharaohs, research important artefacts, Tutankhamun, Howard Carter, investigate the importance and purpose of pyramids, traditions in clothing, food & beliefs).
Geography 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Human and physical features, using an atlas to locate places.• Use maps to plot and identify archaeological sites in Egypt.• Compare Egyptian climate to others around the world using an atlas and weather websites.• Locate where the River Nile is on a world map.
Art and Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sketching techniques - sketching death masks

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designing death masks • Develop mod roc techniques - mask making • Designing flatbread
<p>Design and Technology</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designing and making flatbread • Evaluating our finished product
<p>Music</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Body percussion • Understand and recognise syllables • Sing as a group for the Harvest Production
<p>Languages</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • French • Read and recall the days and weeks • French greetings • Numbers 1 - 20 • Identify colours
<p>Religious Education</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christianity • Learn about the principles of the culture • Understand the story of Jesus • Topic link - looking at the values and beliefs of the Ancient Egyptians and comparing them to other religions.
<p>PSHE (SCARF)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Me and My Relationships • Valuing Difference
<p>Physical Education</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term 1 - gymnastics (body control, movements, balance, sequence of routines) and football (ball control, passing, team work) • Term 2 - Circuits (core muscles, discuss heart rate change and control, cardio) and netball (develop passing and footwork skills, space awareness, defending and shooting). <p>PE days this half term are: Monday (indoors) and Tuesday (outdoors)</p>
<p>Computing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Safety



- Cyberbullying
- To buy or not to buy
- Keep it to yourself
- Emailing
- Online communication
- Party planners

Signposts to Learning

We know that you will be keen to support your children with their learning. Below are some suggested books and websites, which can help.

Websites

Woodland Juniors Ancient Egypt -

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Egypt.html>

Top 10 facts about Ancient Egypt - <https://www.funkidslive.com/learn/top-10-facts/top-10-facts-about-ancient-egypt/>

BBC Bitesize Ancient Egypt KS2 -

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zq87xnb>

Horrible Histories Awful Egyptians compilation -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T7WhIybg_Qo

Books

- Fact books about Egyptians
- The Egyptian Cinderella
- Horrible History - Awful Egyptians
- Horrible History - Awesome Egyptians
- The Ancient Egyptians by Fiona Macdonald
- The Egyptians by Jillian Powell

Visits/ Enrichment Experiences

To be confirmed.

Homework

Your child will need to complete weekly reading and spelling. Reading diaries will be collected in every Wednesday. Your child will also receive weekly Maths work that will be set on Seesaw.

Important Dates for Your Diaries

- Roald Dahl dress up - Wednesday 22nd September
- Ancient Egyptians dress up - Friday 19th November

As you can see, this term will bring many exciting learning opportunities! If you do have any questions, please feel free to contact us through the family messaging service on the Seesaw app.

Thanks for your continued support.

Miss Allison (Cherry Class) and Mr East (Chestnut Class)