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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 3 – Spring 1 Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely break.

The Year 3 team has been very busy planning for the return to school and we are really excited to be back in the classroom. We wanted to share with you the fantastic things we are going to be doing this half-term.

Curriculum Information

- **English**

In English this half-term, we will be reading 'The Egyptian Cinderella' written by Shirley Climo: a text that is the Egyptian spin on the classic Cinderella tale. (Watch a video of this book being read:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dSVflc4l8Lk>) Children will think about the characters, the setting and the use of distinctive language to write their own version of a traditional story set in Ancient Egypt. For this they will work on writing detailed paragraphs, using interesting sentence openers and a wider range of conjunctions to extend sentences. After the narrative, children will work on their poetry skills in which they will recite poems then create their own.

- **Maths**

In Maths, we will be continuing our unit on multiplication and division. The children will learn how to compare statements, multiply using a written method, dividing a 2 digit number by a 1 digit number and scaling. We will then be moving on to look at money and statistics, where we will learning to count money, convert pounds and pence and adding and subtracting money.

- **Science**

In Science this half-term, our focussed topic is 'Plants'. The children will dissect a flower to identify the different parts and they will explore the requirements of plants for life and growth. They will then explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal. For scientific enquiry, children will plant flowers to observe their growth and investigate the way in which water is transported within plants. The children will also have an opportunity to work with Mrs Kelsall, at the allotment to further support their learning. In addition to this, children will be looking at how living things need different things to survive and nutrition.

Topic

In **History**, we will be learning about The Ancient Egyptians. Using their knowledge of the history timeline, the children will be creating their own timelines looking at what came before and after. We will also be using our research skills to

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find out about how the Egyptians lived, about how and why the pyramids were built and what the mummification process was.

In **Art**, we will be developing their techniques whilst designing their cartouche which is an oval shape with a line at one end with a name written in Egyptian hieroglyphs. Children will experiment with designing, making and evaluating a cartouche out of clay.

In **Music**, we will be learning to sing 'Once a Man fell in a Well' and to play it using tuned percussion, adding sound effects, experimenting with timbre and dynamics and using letter notation to write a melody.

In **Computing**, we will be coding on code.org. This is a fun, creative platform for learning basic coding and computer science! We will look at key vocabulary, understand what algorithms are, explore program design and put computational thinking into practice.

In **PSHE** we will be learning about dreams and ambitions. In this topic we will look at how to stay motivated, challenges that we may face, strengths and weaknesses of individuals, helping others and celebrating success. We will be doing a range of activities both individually and in groups to help engage conversations and prompt thoughts.

In **RE** we will be looking at Buddhism with our key question being, 'What is the importance of Buddhist festivals?' We will be focussing on what makes Buddhism special then move on to the festivals: Vesak, Loy Krathong and The Ploughing Festival.

- **Homework Expectations**

Children are required to read daily, but record on Go Read (online) at least 3 times a week, as part of their homework to improve their basic reading skills. Children have access to logins for Go Read, Serial Mash and Epic. They also need to practice their weekly spellings which will be given out on a Friday. In addition, children should be practising their 3, 4 and 8 times tables to enhance their mental maths abilities. All children have a login for Purple Mash, Spelling Shed and TT Rockstars to further support their learning.

As always, we would like to thank you for your continued support. Please remember we have an open-door policy and value the relationships we have with our families so do come and see us if you have any comments/concerns.

Kind regards

The Year 3 team

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