

# Year 3/4 Newsletter

## SPRING 2

### The Year 3/4 Teaching Team

#### Class 5



Mr Gamble  
(Phase Leader)



Miss Evans



Miss Smith



Miss Bennett



Mr Jennings



Miss Boyd



Mrs Horsley

#### Class 6

#### Class 7



### English

In Spring 2, LKS2 will be studying Jeremy Strong's hilarious 'There's a Pharaoh in Our Bath!'. An Egyptian pharaoh is wakened from his 4,000 year old sleep by grave robbers and a dramatic series of events unravels for schoolboy Tony Light-speed. Based on this story, children will write their own humorous tales based on the Ancient Egyptians showing off their grammar and composition skills including the use of fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and paragraphs.

### Maths

Over the coming weeks, Year 3/4 will be exploring fractions. They will learn how to add and subtract fractions using the denominator and numerator as well as finding fractions of shapes and different amounts. Pupils will also develop their skills in recognising and finding equivalent fractions. Finally, children will learn about 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. This includes recognising different angles, understanding different types of lines and finding lines of symmetry in the shapes and patterns using a mirror.

### Reading

Please encourage your child to read their school reading book out loud to an adult at least three times a week at home, for at least 15 minutes each time.

Please support your child's understanding of the text by asking questions about what they've read.



### Topic - Ancient Egypt

We will continue to dive into the world of the Ancient Egyptians to unlock more of their secrets. We will be investigating how the Egyptian Civilisation thrived in a harsh desert environment and how they grew and farmed the land using new irrigation tools. Pupils will also be exploring Cleopatra and the invasions of Egypt by Alexander the Great and Julius Caesar.

### Science

We will be learning all about sound in science this half-term, identifying how sounds are made through something vibrating. Pupils will also investigate how vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear and what happens to the sound inside the ear. Pupils will find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it and will investigate and discover patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it. Finally, pupils will recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases. Children will plan, run and evaluate a range of experiments, ensuring they keep them a fair test by only changing one variable.

### Computing / DT / Geography

**DT:** Pupils will learn about the irrigation tools Ancient Egyptians used to turn the land around the River Nile into a fertile vegetation belt before designing and creating their own shaduf.  
**Computing:** Children will continue to design, write and debug algorithms and programs that accomplish specific goals using beebots.  
**Geography:** We will be using the River Nile to learn about human geography, including: types of settlement, land use and economic activity including trade links.

### MFL - French



Pupils will continue to develop their French vocabulary by carefully reading and showing an understanding of words, phrases and simple writing including using French dictionaries.

### PSHE

Y3: Relationships - living in the wider world —\_Community; belonging to groups; similarities and differences; respect for others.

Y4: Health and wellbeing —\_Growing and changing: puberty.

### PE

Year 3 and 4 will be doing tag rugby and boccia this half-term. Pupils can wear PE kit to school on the day they have PE lessons. Swimming will be on a Wednesday for Year 4.

### Important Dates...

- 28.2.22 - Training Day - school closed for pupils.
- 1.3.22 - Year 4 World Book Day
- 2.3.22-4.3.22 - Year 4 Robinwood Residential.
- 3.3.22 - World Book Day.



## Attendance



Thank you for sending your children to school every day on time so that we are all ready to begin the days learning. As you know, 'Every Day Counts'

To avoid lost uniform, PE kit, water bottles and packed lunch boxes, please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Name Labels