



# Year 3/4 Newsletter

## SPRING 1



### The Year 3/4 Teaching Team

#### Class 4



Mr Gamble  
(Phase Leader)



Miss Nodding



Mrs Wilson-Hill



Miss Bourne



Mrs Jackson



Miss Chambers



Mrs Phelan

#### Class 6

#### Class 7



### English

In Spring 1, we'll be using a non fiction text written by DK titled "Ancient Egypt," it's an information text all about the Ancient Egyptian civilisation. The information should give us a fantastic opportunity to really sharpen up our retrieval skills and the skimming and scanning skills we have been practicing. We will also use the book to write a diary entry from the perspective of an Egyptian embalmer before moving onto Jeremy Strong's 'There's a Pharaoh in our Bath!' where will we write fictional stories.

### Maths

Over the coming weeks Year 3/4 will be learning all about multiplication and division as well as fractions and decimals. The children will learn how to multiply 2 and 3 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers using their knowledge of times tables and then learn a method for solving division problems. We will then move on to exploring how to recognise unit fractions of shapes, groups and numbers, and will be increasing our understanding of adding and subtracting fractions and how to find equivalent fractions.

### 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 - History and Geography

We'll be discovering all about the Ancient Egyptian way of life. We are going to be learning about their achievements and famous individuals as well as how they created such a thriving civilisation in a hostile desert. As part of this, we will look at the importance of the River Nile, farming techniques and how the pyramids were built without the use of modern machinery.

### 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

This half-term, we will be completing a unit of work called 'Computer Science' where we will design, write and debug programs that accomplish specific goals, including controlling or simulating physical systems; solve problems by decomposing them into smaller parts, using blue-bots.

### Art

We will be learning about textiles and patterns by making papyrus paper. We'll develop our questioning, observing, and refining skills and also develop our weaving, cutting and joining skills.

### PE

We are covering dance on Tuesdays where we will perform dances using a range of movements. Year 3 are also doing netball on Wednesdays learning ball controls and tactics for use in games. Swimming will be on a Wednesday for Year 4.

### MFL - French

Our French topic is 'Around Town.' We will widen our vocabulary by developing our skills in understanding new words in familiar written material, including the use of a dictionary. We will also write simple phrases from memory to express ideas clearly.

### PSHE

**Year 3:** Relationships - families, family life, caring for each other. Our key question is 'What are families like?'

**Year 4:** Health and Wellbeing - expressing feelings and emotions. Our key question is 'How can we manage our feelings?'

### DT and Food Tech

In woodwork, we're learning how to recreate some of the Ancient Egyptian inventions which revolutionised the time period, such as shadufs. In Food Tech, we are learning how to make Egyptian dishes such as hummus, falafel and Fattah (rice and meat).

### RE

We'll study how important events are remembered and celebrated in different religions.

### Forest School

We will be learning how to make fire to make Egyptian flat bread at the fire pit.

### Music

We'll listen to songs based on Ancient Egypt then compose our own.

### Important Dates...

- 12.1.24 - Payment Deadline for Y4 Robinwood Residential.
- 6.2.24 - Parent Workshop - 2:45pm in the school hall.
- 9.2.24 - School closes for half-term.

