



# Year 3/4 Newsletter

## SPRING 2



### 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



#### English

In Spring 2, LKS2 will continue to study 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 Lightspeed. Based on this story, children will write persuasive letters from the perspective of the villains of the book which showcase their formal and persuasive arguments. To end the half-term, pupils will write poems based on a range of Ancient Egyptian Gods.

#### 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 - History and Geography

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'll be learning all about light in science, recognising that we need light to see things in the dark and investigating how light travels outwards from a light source. We will also design and carry out our own investigations into how light is reflected from different surfaces, learn that light from the sun can be dangerous and how to keep our eyes safe from direct sunlight. We will discover how shadows are formed and investigate shadow shape and length by creating pyramids and altering the position of the light source. Throughout the investigations, we will ask relevant questions and set up simple practical enquiries in order to find answers which we will then gather and record findings from using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams and tables.

#### Computing

This half-term, we are learning about coding in 'Computer Science.' We will understand and use sequence, selection and repetition in basic computer programs. We will also be able to explain how some simple algorithms work and to detect and correct errors in algorithms and programs.

#### Art

We will be learning about famous artist Gustav Klimt. In lessons, we will create self-portrait inspired by the work of Klimt before comparing and contrasting his work with Egyptian art.

#### PE

We are finishing our dance unit on Tuesdays where we will be perfecting our routines. Year 3 are also doing netball on Wednesdays applying their new skills and tactics in game situations. Swimming will be on a Wednesday for Year 4.

#### MFL - French

Our French topic is 'Going Shopping.' We will widen our writing skills by understanding new words in familiar written material using a dictionary and by writing phrases from memory to express ideas clearly such as shopping lists for common grocery items.

#### PSHE

**Year 3:** Living in the Wider World - belonging to groups, respect for others. Our key question is 'What makes a community?'

**Year 4:** Health and Wellbeing - growing and changing: puberty. Our key question is 'How will we grow and change?'

#### 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 using our fire making skills to cook Egyptian flat breads on open fires.

#### Music

We will be learning about hieroglyphic grid scores and 3 note staves.

#### Important Dates...

- 28.2.24 - 1.3.24 - Y4 Residential at Robinwood
- 21.3.24 - Parent End of Topic Celebration Event - 2:30pm in the school hall.
- 26.3.24/27.3.24 - Trips to Golden Acre - (Year 4 26.3.24) (Year 3 27.3.24)

