

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Summer Term 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This term, the children in Year 3 will be covering all aspects of the National Curriculum including:

Mathematics

During this term our maths work will cover the units: Length, fractions, time, angles, properties of shape, mass and capacity.

Alongside this the children will also be working on problem solving and learning the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

English

This term in our English lessons we will be covering the following units:

Fiction: Create settings, characters and plot. Traditional and adventure stories.

Non-Fiction: Diary entries, instructions and non-chronological reports.

Poetry: Poetry on a theme.

As well as this, we will be continuing to develop our reading and comprehension skills, and applying our current and new spelling, punctuation and grammar knowledge throughout the curriculum.

Science

The Year 3 Science topics this term are 'Plants' and 'Light'. During our Plants unit, children will study the parts of flowering plants and their functions, the conditions affecting plant growth and plants as living things. In their unit about light children will identify light sources and discuss the Sun, establish that light is reflected off things that we see and that darkness is an absence of light and finally make enquiries about shadows.

Cross-curricular Work

Our cross-curricular topic this term is Incredible Egyptians. The children will learn about how and where the ancient Egyptians lived, what was important to the daily lives of ancient Egyptians and who Tutankhamun was. The children will also learn about how Egyptian people used hieroglyphs to communicate and compare the powers of different gods. We will visit Durham Oriental Museum to handle real ancient Egyptian artefacts and learn how mummies were made.

Design and Technology

During our Design Technology lessons, we will be studying the shaduf (shadoof) and about its importance to the ancient Egyptians. They will design and make their own version of a shaduf to extract water from a water source.

Art and Design

Our art work will take place through our Incredible Egyptians topic. We will teach the children about how to use a pencil, pen and charcoal, how to make clay faces and model in paper and papier-mâché to create quality art work that shows progression in their skills. The children will also have the opportunity to explore the work of Leger, Hockney and a photograph taken by Man Ray.

