



# Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents

Welcome to Year 3 and KS2! We are already enjoying working with our new classes and looking forward to the year ahead. We hope this provides you with helpful information about what your child will be studying this term.  
*Miss Whittall, Miss Winter and Mrs O'Connor*

**Autumn  
Term  
2017**

## English

During this term children will be studying fiction and non-fiction, and will compare the style and structure of these different types of texts. For our fiction work, we will study adventure and mystery stories, such as 'Gorilla' by Anthony Browne and 'Egyptian Cinderella', through which we will compare a range of story settings and characters, while focusing on improving children's use of imaginative description.

In the second half term we will be doing instruction writing linked to the Ancient Egyptians. This will involve looking at the use of adverbs, paragraphs and subheadings. Near the end of term we will go on to develop skills with reading and writing of poetry.

Spelling activities will be practiced daily and children will have a spelling investigation as part of their Home Learning Task.



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## Workshop

To enrich our studies this term we will be doing an ancient Egyptian workshop on **18/11/16** in school.



## Maths

This term children will focus on many different mathematical concepts which will include place value, rounding and ordering and mental addition and subtraction. We will also develop knowledge of measuring, money, telling the time and classifying shapes.

On-going skills, such as mental strategies with number and operations, securing knowledge of multiplication tables and problem solving activities, will also be regularly practised.

### Weekly Information

**Home Learning Tasks:** There will be a couple of Home Learning Tasks each week. One of these tasks will be a spelling investigation related to class learning. Alongside this, your child should practise the list of Common Exception Words in their spelling book.

This term the second task will often be an Abacus activity allocated to your child's online account. With the transition from Infants to Juniors, it is important that the children are supported at home with reinforcing the learning from the week.

Children will choose a 'colour band' book to read at home daily. All children may also choose two books from the Atrium weekly, to be shared at home. Please ensure children

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## Music

Music lessons will explore descriptive sounds and music from around the world. As we approach Christmas our attention will turn towards festive songs and music for the Year 3/4 Sing-up.

## R.E./P.S.H.E

This half term we will be learning about the importance of symbols and teachings of Hinduism. After half term we will focus on Christianity and the importance of advent in the lead up to Christmas.

In P.S.H.E. we will explore the themes of New Beginnings, Getting On and Falling Out and develop the children's understanding of the school's values through cross-curricular activities.

## Science

During this term we will be studying two science topics. The first will be 'Light and Shadows' where children will investigate how light is reflected and how shadows are formed. The second topic is 'Rocks'. This will be very practical, with observations and investigations of the properties of groups of rocks.

## Computing

Our work this half term will focus on basic word-processing skills, as well as exploring computer networks and programming animations.

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## P.E.

Please ensure kit is named and in school throughout the week. We will be working towards improving the children's skills and understanding of football and tag rugby. 3E & 3O'C will also be going swimming on Thursday afternoons, while 3W have indoor PE. This will rotate after Christmas. We would appreciate parents signing up on the sheets on the door to help with walking to and from the pool.

## Art/ D&T

In Art we will be studying Egyptian patterns and creating mummy models out of mod roc. In D&T we will be designing and making moving Egyptian Gods., using simple pneumatics.

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## Topic

We will be looking at Ancient Egypt in topic this term. We will learn about the society, culture, beliefs and architecture of this fascinating period. We will also be looking at some of the most famous people connected with this topic.

Please be aware that in KS2 children no longer receive free fruit as a morning snack. We advise the children to bring in a piece of fruit for break time. With their growing independence, we encourage the children to have their own **small** pencil case, which they can keep in their trays at school. This should contain a pencil, a rubber, and a few coloured pens and pencils. As always at this time of year we get through lots of tissues. We would be really grateful if you could donate a box of tissues for class use. Any contributions of glue sticks are also, as always, **much** appreciated. Many thanks for your support.  
Year 3 Team

