

# Spring 2024 – Curriculum News

January 2024

Welcome back! We hope you are well rested and ready for all the exciting learning opportunities Spring term 2024 will bring!

Over this term, the children in Year 3 will continue to learn lots of new information, including how the Ancient Egyptians lived. We will find out about different Egyptian pharaohs and even create our own Shabti figures. Watch out for information on our exciting trip to Norwich castle to support our History learning. In Science, our area of study is 'Forces and magnets'. We will research and investigate a range of different forces, including magnetism and finish by creating our very own Science TV show! In RE, our focus will be Christianity and the different miracles Jesus performed. In PE, our Gymnastics unit is points of contact and for outdoor PE we will focus on invasion games in the form of basketball. We will continue to learn how to play the recorder in music as well as singing in rounds and canons. DT will see us creating linkage systems to demonstrate our knowledge of levers and we will be continuing to explore healthy foods and nutrition in our food technology sessions. In Art, we will be creating 3D bugs and printing on fabric using collagraph blocks. 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Healthy Me' are our

## Year 3 staff

**Mrs Brill**

Japan Class

**Mrs Hines**

Kenya Class

**Mrs Bruce** (Mon-Tues)  
**Mrs Worley** (Wed - Fri)  
**Miss Silva** (student teacher)  
 Israel Class

**Mrs Hyden &  
Mr Crouch**

Learning Support Assistants

**Mrs Cragg &  
Mr Newson**

PPA Cover

May we take this opportunity to kindly remind parents:

Children are required to have a **named water bottle** in school with them every day.

All **school uniform** should be clearly **named**.

Your child may bring a **healthy snack – only fruit or vegetables** (unlike year 2, no snack is provided).

## English

The children will be exploring many different genres within English. They will focus on the specific features of different types of writing. These will include; instruction writing on mummification, a character description of an Ancient Egyptian character and poetry based on emotions.

## Mathematics

This term we will be continuing with multiplication and division, looking at how to multiply and divide a 2 digit by a 1 digit. We will then focus on measuring and how to calculate perimeter. Following this, we will order and compare fractions and measure capacity and mass.

By the end of Year 3, children are expected to be able to speedily recall their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables. Please continue to use **Times Tables Rock Stars** to practise.

## Reading

We have daily reading sessions where children learn and practise the full range of reading skills. We will be reading 'Sam Wu is not afraid of the dark.' Children will be given regular opportunities to independently quiz on the iPads when they have finished a book and then change their books. Please record in your child's reading log when you have listened to them read. The expectation is that they read **as much as possible, getting at least 3 of these signed in their reading logs** ready to be counted by the reading champions weekly.



PE will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please ensure your child wears the correct PE kit to school on those days. They do not need to change during the day. Earrings must be removed and long hair must be tied back for safety reasons.

## Home learning

Your child will continue to be given a maths and spelling OR English task to complete on **Showbie**. This task will be related to the learning in the classroom. It will be set on Friday and due in the following Wednesday.

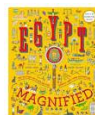
A new spelling concept will be taught each fortnight and spellings related to this can be found on Showbie. Please encourage them to practise these throughout the week. They can also access **spelling shed** to continue to practise these spellings (log in code in their reading logs). These will be tested on Fridays.

## Rainbow Challenges

- Write a message to someone using Egyptian Hieroglyphs.
- Choose a material to create a 3D Pyramid model.
- Create a quiz about Ancient Egypt for us to try in school.
- Find out what a Shaduf is, create an information poster.
- Find out about pharaohs and write a poem.
- Debate if items should be taken from tombs. Show on a world map places where archaeologists are at work today.

## Recommended Read

Egypt Magnified by David Long



This non-fiction book combines facts, with finding and fun!