



Year 3 and 4 Autumn Newsletter

Hello and welcome back. We hope you all had an enjoyable and restful summer, ready to start a new academic year. It has been a pleasure getting to know your children over the past week and they have all settled in remarkably well. This newsletter will provide you with an overview of what your child will be doing this term.

English

Our English will link to our topic work about Egypt. We will be reading about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb and writing diaries from Howard Carter's point of view. We will also be writing newspaper reports about the mysterious events that took place after the discovery, making our own Egyptian dictionaries and writing mystery stories.

To support your child with their work in English please try to read with them at least three times a week and record it in their reading records.

Maths

This term we will focus on place value, ordering and comparing numbers, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and using these operations to solve problems. Please continue to support your child to practice their times tables.

Topic

This term our **history** based topic is TOMB RAIDERS. We will be learning about ancient Egyptian Pharaohs, pyramids, mummification and hieroglyphics. In November, we will be visiting New Walk museum in Leicester where the children will have the opportunity to handle Egyptian artefacts, dress up as Egyptians and make an Egyptian amulet.

In **science** we will be looking at teeth and the digestive system. The children will also be carrying out an investigation into tooth decay.

For our **art** work we will be using collage skills to make an Egyptian death mask.



In **design and technology** we will be designing a trap for a tomb using levers, winding mechanisms and gears.



In **ICT** we will be covering aspects of E-safety linked to SMART rules and websites. We will be learning how to copy, paste, edit, save images and text, and will use these skills when researching and presenting information related to ancient Egypt.



P.E. lessons will be on **Wednesdays and Thursdays** but please ensure that your child has full kit in school every day. The children will be improving their fitness, coordination and control through a range of activities.



Letters have been sent out with regards to **Swimming** lessons, which will take place on a Wednesday afternoon. All year 3 and 4 children will be going swimming this year, starting with **year 4** children on the 12th September.

Music lessons for Year 4 children involve learning to play the ukulele. Year 3 children will be learning to use the percussion instruments with control and accuracy, to create their own Egyptian music.



Your child has come home today with their spelling booklet for the half term. Please help your child to learn their spellings for their weekly test on a Friday. Homework will start from Friday 14th September and your child will receive either maths or English every Friday which will need to be handed in by the following Friday.



You will have the opportunity to come in to school on our 'meet the teacher' evening on Wednesday 19th September if you need to ask us any questions and we are usually available at the end of the school day if you want to pop in.



Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Hunter, Mrs Ahearne, Mrs Lee and Mrs Moore.

