

Year 3 Lent 1 Newsletter

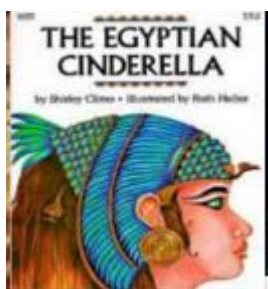
Welcome back, I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and are ready to be back at school. Here is an overview of our learning for this next exciting half term.

English

This half term as writers, we will be writing a range of genres based around our History theme, The Ancient Egyptians.

This half term as writers, we will be focusing on:

Fiction



We will look at this re-telling of the class story and attempt to write our own versions of the story.

Non-fiction



We will look at the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. We will write a newspaper recount of these events. We will also begin to use paragraphs in our writing.

Maths

In Maths, this half term we will be using White Rose Maths. As Mathematicians, we will be focusing on:

- Multiplication and Division
- Length and perimeter
- Fractions
- Mass and capacity

As mathematicians, we will be focusing on our mathematical vocabulary and our reasoning skills. White Rose models and supports children's learning in instilling a growth mindset approach to maths and will focus on helping all children to build a deep understanding of maths concepts. The mastery programme is designed to spark curiosity and excitement and nurture confidence in maths.

RE

Our focus for RE this half term will be **Journeys** and **Listening and Sharing**.

The Journeys topic looks at the journey in faith we make.

The Listening and Sharing topic looks at the wonders of the Eucharist.



SCIENCE - How far can I throw my shadow?
Pupils will learn about light and dark, as well as how shadows are created.

LQ1	What is light?
LQ 2	What is reflection?
LQ 3	How do mirrors work?
LQ 4	How are shadows formed?
LQ 5	Why do shadows change?
LQ 6	Can you create a shadow puppet show?



History – How can we recreate the wonder of ancient Egypt?

LQ1	Where is Egypt?
LQ 2	Why was The River Nile so important to Ancient Egyptians?
LQ 3	Who were the pharaohs and why were they so important?
LQ 4	Why did the Ancient Egyptians build pyramids?
LQ 5	What can we learn about life in Ancient Egypt from what's inside a pyramid?
LQ 6	How did the Ancient Egyptians communicate?

Guided Reading

Our Guided Reading text for this half term is *The Accidental Prime Minister* by Tom McLaughlin. As readers, we will be reading this text as a class and answering a range of different questions relating to this text. We will be paying particular attention to interpret questions and considering the authors choice to support our understanding of the text.

Young Joe Perkins is interviewed for a local newspaper and he tells exactly what he would do if he were leader of the country! Things take a very unexpected turns when the video goes viral and Joe's speech becomes famous all over the world!



How can you help?

Weekly Homework – Please note: log-in details can be found stuck inside Homework diaries.

- Homework will be set on Seesaw on a Friday and will need to be completed by the following Friday. If you have any trouble accessing homework online or would prefer a paper copy, please come and see me and I can arrange this for you.
- Every 2 weeks your child will receive spellings. The spelling test will take place on a Friday morning. Please practise these spellings with your child at home!
- Spelling Shed – please ensure your child is accessing this regularly at home, there are certificates and rewards for children who access this! If your child has misplaced their login, please let me know.
- TT Rockstars – please ensure your child is accessing this regularly at home too, it is extremely important that they regularly practice and apply their multiplication and