

Year 3 Lent 1 Newsletter

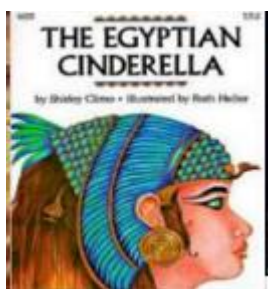
Welcome back, I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and are ready to be back at school. Here is an overview of our learning for this next exciting half term.

English

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

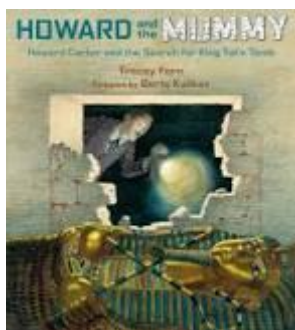
This half term as writers, we will be focusing on:

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 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 **Galilee to Jerusalem**.

We shall be reflecting on how Jesus teaches what the kingdom of God is like, including thinking about the 'Our Father' prayer.



Forces and Magnets

Our science topic this half term is all about forces and magnets. As scientists we will scientifically planning and carrying out an investigation into how different surfaces affect the distance a car can travel.

In week one, as scientists, we will be finding out what is a force is.

In week two as scientists, we will be looking at how surfaces affect the distance a car can travel.

Week three will be finding out how we can sort this mess.

Week four will be investigating how we can test the strength of a magnet.

In week five we will find out how magnets and compasses work and finally in week six, as scientists we will be combining our knowledge to create a magnetic game.

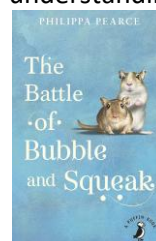


History – How can we recreate the wonder of ancient Egypt?

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 Battle of Bubble and Squeak* by Philippa Pearce. 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.



Sid, Peggy and Amy adore the two gerbils, Bubble and Squeak, but their mother detests them. A major family battle results, and it's clear life is never going to be quite the same.

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!
- 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 division knowledge.
- Remember to read every night with your child and sign their diary too!

Thank you for your support and if you have any questions about your child's learning or progress, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Boardley