

# Class 3 Lent 1 Newsletter

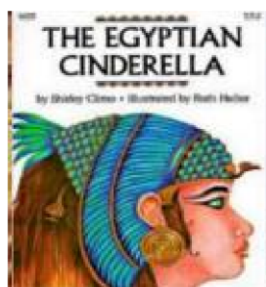
Welcome back, I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and are ready to be back at school. Here is an overview of our learning for this next exciting half term.

## English

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

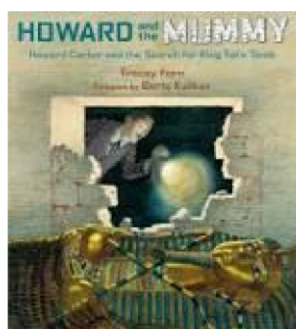
This half term as writers, we will be focusing on:

### 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.



## Light and dark

Our science topic this half term is all about light and dark. As scientists, we will be learning through scientific enquiry, asking questions, making observations, and carrying out investigations to help us understand how light works in our everyday lives.

In week one, we will explore what light is and where it comes from.

In week two, we will investigate reflection and learn how mirrors work.

In week three, we will find out how shadows are formed.

In week four, we will explore why shadows change.

In week five, we will investigate how light can be blocked and used to create effects.

Finally, in week six, we will combine our learning to create a shadow puppet show, using our knowledge of light and dark.



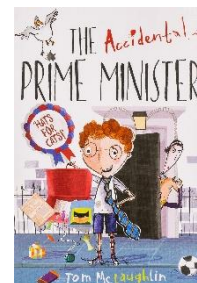
## History – How can we recreate the wonder of ancient Egypt?

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 together as a class and answering a range of questions linked to the story.

We will focus on developing our understanding of the characters, the plot, and the author's use of humour. We will also practise important reading skills such as retrieving information, making predictions, inferring meaning, and explaining our ideas using evidence from the text. We will pay close attention to the author's language choices and how they help bring the story to life.



## How can you help?

- Homework will be given **every Friday** and will be **paper based**. It will need to be completed by the following Friday.
- **Every week** your child will receive spellings. The spelling test will take place on a Friday afternoon. 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 practise 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.

**Mr Bowden**