



Learning Overview for Autumn Term 2020

Year 3 – Miss James, Miss Gandolfo and Mrs Newham

The Secrets of Ancient Egypt

This term we will delve into the amazing world of Ancient Egypt. After our initial reconstruction of an embalming ceremony, we will begin with the children developing their geographical skills through exploring the physical features, location and landscape of Egypt and studying why the Nile was so important to the development of Ancient Egypt. Following this, the children will be discovering what life was like during Egyptian times before unearthing the secrets of the pyramids and tombs. Our history and geography will also influence our art. The children will be looking at Egyptian portraits, learning how to apply the distinctive ancient Egyptian style to their art. In D.T and science we will be investigating forces and levers, which we will then link to an engineering challenge to build a device to collect water from the River Nile. In P.E, children will be involved in combination of cricket and REAL P.E where they will take part in a variety of challenges, developing both their physical and social skills. The creation story will be the basis of our RE, we will continue to consider how we can apply God's teachings to our world. In our computing session, the children will be learning and developing their basic laptop skills and further exploring different computing skills using scratch. They will also be learning how to keep safe online.

English

We will be starting the year with a focus on reading skills and sentence building by consolidating previous grammatical learning. Our English work will revolve around 'The Scarab's Secret' – a wonderful book set in Ancient Egypt. Spelling and reading, as ever, are high on the agenda and we will use our English sessions to develop our understanding of texts. As we approach half term we will be focusing on letter writing as we share news of an exciting discovery in The Valley Of The Kings.

Maths

Initially our maths sessions will focus on counting, place value of 3 digit numbers, shapes and mental addition and subtraction. As ever, we will continue to build on our number facts with a focus on times tables from the start and further developing our knowledge of multiplication and division. We will explore different investigations and puzzles to deepen our understanding. Please continue to work on times tables and number facts at home, wherever possible with your children.

Reading

Research shows, that reading has a huge impact on children's progression in school. Please continue to listen to your child read and read to your child each day, recording their reading on their reading bookmark.

When read with your child ask them questions about what they have read.

Home Learning

Each week the children will be given a Maths task and an English task to complete in their CGP home learning books. Look out for more information on this. Please ensure it is completed with a pencil and the work is kept neat.

Forest Schools

We will be visiting the forest on Friday afternoons in **term 2**.

PE

PE is on a Tuesday. Please can children come into school in their PE kits.

Other information

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school every day and that it is filled with water (not squash).

Children use their wellies and trainers everyday so please ensure these are named and left in school. Also, please provide a hat when it is sunny.

Important dates will all be listed on our class page on the website.