

Year 3 Spring Newsletter 2019

Welcome to the Spring term! In Earth class we will be taking part in many activities, a sample of which is highlighted below. In particular we are excited about our Ancient Egypt topic, which will delve into the history and culture of this fascinating civilisation through interactive lessons, art, science and computing.

In Year 3 we have a positive culture and can-do attitude: we are all keen to learn and always focused on the task in hand. We encourage children to be independent, resilient learners and to take pride in their work.

Our trip this term will be to the British museum where we will come face to face with real-life mummies and other Ancient Egyptian artefacts.

Thank you for all your continued support. We look forward to another exciting term with your children in Earth class!

Miss Hussain and Mrs Bolton



Literacy

This term we are looking at writing instructions and writing our own diary entries. We will also be looking at stories from other cultures and comparing them. As always we will be practising handwriting skills and presentation of written work.

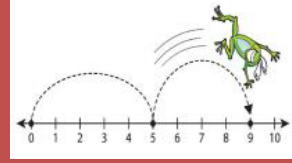
Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their literacy skills:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/>

<http://www.ictgames.com/literacy.html>



Mathematics



We will be learning to use our knowledge of multiplication sums and their inverse to solve missing number problems. We will develop our mathematical fluency and use this to help us problem solve and undertake investigation activities.

We will also be looking at digital time and solving problems to do with time, including reading timetables. Sharing every day experiences such as telling the time, time-planning and reading timetables will really help to support your child to do well in this topic. Generally, we will be focusing on word problems and being able to explain what you need to do to get to an answer when there is more than process.

We are looking at perimeter, units of measurement and problems involving weighing and measuring.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their maths skills:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/>

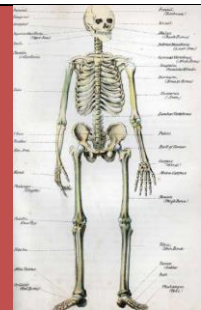
<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2numeracy.html>

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/timestable/interactive.htm>

<http://www.ictgames.com/resources.html>



Science



Our topic this term is light and shadow. We are looking at light sources and how shadows are formed. We will also be investigating how shadows change during the day because of the position of the sun and shadow puppets.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their science skills:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/science/>

<http://www.resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/science>

<http://www.kidspot.com.au/kids-activities-and-games/science>



Humanities



We are looking at the wonders of ancient Egypt. Egyptian gods and goddesses, mummification and pyramids.

www.bbc.co.uk/newsround

<http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk>

<http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk>



Computing

We will be creating 'film trailers' based on the events around the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. We will use a Green Screen to film the segments and iMovie to create our trailers.

We will also continue to discuss and learn about how we can use of the internet safely.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their computing skills:

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

www.kidsmart.org.uk

www.light-bot.com

www.code.org

www.scratch.mit.edu

www.kodugamelab.com



Art/Design & Technology

Linking to our science project we are designing and making shadow puppets and making up puppet shows.

We will also look at drawing portraits and people.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their artistic skills:

<http://www.artsconnected.org/toolkit/index.html>

<http://www.disney.co.uk/disney-junior/art-attack/>



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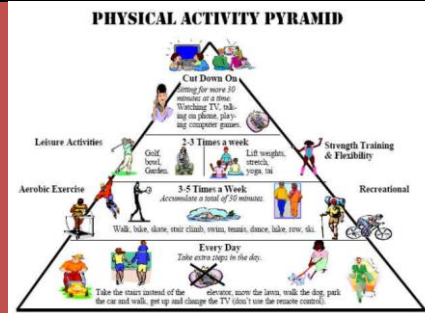
We will be learning about Judaism and the importance of festivals such as Hanukkah and Passover.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to learn more about their topic:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4-11/site/re>



P.E.



We will be taking part in team sports involving throwing or kicking a ball and will be practising activities that promote fitness.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their PE skills:

www.kidsexercise.co.uk



Home Learning

Homework will be handed out each Friday and is due in on the following Wednesday. Your child will receive:

- Weekly Maths homework will be provided on Fridays and should be handed in by the following Wednesday.
- Weekly spellings to be tested in class on Fridays.
- Daily reading. By Year 3 many pupils will enjoy reading by themselves. However, it is important that children still read out loud to their parents and discuss the storyline, as this is the best way of checking that children understand what they are reading and that they are pronouncing words correctly. All children will have the opportunity to bring books home and will have the use of our school library.