

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is some information about the Year 3 Curriculum this half term.

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From Lent to Easter. Children will be learning about how to prepare for Lent and understand the importance of Lenten rituals. We will be focusing on Matthew's Gospel, which describes the events of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

- Key vocabulary: *Passion, liturgy, service, sacrifice, celebration, give alms, pray, fast, procession, adoration, consecration, antiphon, Passover, chasuble, Blessed Sacrament, repose, ciborium, genuflect, Praetorium, Sabbath.*

Topic: Africa (continued from last half term)

- Focus on Egypt
- Create Tutankhamun masks
- Role of the River Nile
- African music

Literacy

We will be covering these units:

- **African Stories** inspired by Rudyard Kipling.
- **World Book week 2nd – 6th March:** Various activities are planned for a fun week all to promote reading for pleasure! World Book Day is on Thursday. Remember your entry for Book in a Box.
- **The Lion King:** Inspired by the story, we will also focus on what Scar does to the Pride lands and using this as a basis of writing a letter of complaint, looking at formal letter structure and persuasive language.
- **Instruction texts and explanation texts:** The children will write an instruction text on how to mummify a body. The children will also use explanation texts to tell us about the role of the River Nile.
- **Narrative:** Inspired by the Egyptian creation myth, the children will write their own creation story.

As with last half term, we will be incorporating spellings into our Literacy lessons and children will be sent home lists of spellings to learn for homework. We will also continue whole class reading. We ask that you try to read with your child for at least 10 minutes a day at home and help them complete the activities at the back of their reading record.

When your child finishes their book please complete one of the tasks at the back of their reading record.

Numeracy

The children will:

- Measure, compare, add and subtract, lengths, (m/cm/mm)
- Measure the perimeter of simple 2-D shapes
- Fractions as numbers, find fractions of objects
- Find equivalent fractions and comparing fractions
- Add and subtract fractions

