

*Our topic this half term is:*

## ***Ancient Egypt***



*We will be starting Project Based Learning this term. The Year 3 topic for Spring will be Ancient Egypt and the River Nile. We will be learning history and geography skills.*

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## Important Dates

### PE:

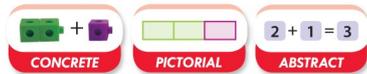
Every Tuesday. Please bring your P.E. kits in school and weather-appropriate footwear.

### Wow Day:

Monday 14h January 2019

Trip to **British Museum**, Wednesday 16th January 2019

## Maths

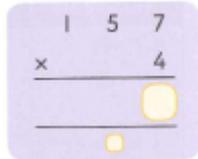


In maths, we are continuing with the Inspire Maths programme (for more information, Google "Inspire Maths OUP"). The programme focuses on a mastery approach where all children will develop a deep understanding of topics before moving on.

We use the CPA approach (Concrete, pictorial, abstract)

This half term, we'll be looking at:

- Multiplication using concrete materials
- Multiplication using the column method
- Multiplication with and without regrouping



## English

For our English lessons, we will continue to read the beautifully illustrated 'Zeraffa Giraffa'. The story explores the tale of a giraffe who was given to the King of France by an Egyptian ruler. She walked all the way from the desert to Paris!



As always, we are also focusing on our spellings and handwriting!

For Destination Reader we will be reading books around our topic.. It will allow us to focus on prediction, inference, questioning and summarising.

## Homework

For homework, children will have some work assigned weekly, as well as spellings, and daily reading. Children putting effort into their work are rewarded in class.

It is also crucial that your child knows all their times tables up to  $12 \times 12$ , including an understanding of how division and multiplication are linked (e.g.  $3 \times 4 = 12$  so  $12/4 = 3$ .).

## Reading

It is most important that your child reads for 10



-20 minutes EVERY DAY. Please sign their home Reading Records or ensure they do themselves so we have an idea of how much they are reading regularly. Children are to have daily comments in their logs. This will be rewarded in class. After reading with your child, it is helpful to ask them questions about what they have read. We want to develop their skills of understanding and inference. To push them further, talk to them about why the writer has selected the words they have and what effect these words have on the reader.

## Spring 1 Parent Workshops:

Please see website (Under Parents → Workshops) for more information on times.

Any additional workshops will be advertised in the newsletter and on the website.

There are also coffee mornings to allow parents and carers to make links within the school community.

*If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us directly at home time or via the school office.*

## Science

In Science this half term, Year 3 are learning about rocks and soil. This will be alongside Project Based Learning. During this topic, we will:

- Conduct scientific experiments to find out the properties of different types of rock.
- Group rocks based on their physical properties.
- Describe how fossils are formed.



## Humanities and RE History

In history, we'll be looking at life in Ancient Egyptian times. We will learn about how and why people were mummified and pyramids were built.

### Geography

In geography, we'll learn about the significance of the River Nile for Egyptians. We will identify its country of origin and where it flows on its route to the Mediterranean Sea.

### Art

Our unit of work is based around papier maché masks linked with our topic. We will be learning about adding details in our drawings as well as using Egyptian style designs to enhance our artwork.

### Computing

In computing this half term, we will be learning how to research, create and edit video presentations based on our topic.

### R.E.

In R.E., we'll be learning about Judaism and the synagogue. We will focus on the main beliefs and special festivals.