

Year 3 Spring 1 Curriculum

Are you able to walk like an Egyptian now?

Your children certainly did a fantastic job of exploring a range of sources to be able to show how each member of Ancient Egyptian society lived. The facts, creative skills and general problem solving showed some excellent learning and the children are rightly proud of the work they have produced. They certainly deserve a well-earned rest this Christmas break and we hope you all have a very happy festive time.

Spring 1 will see us develop our curiosity and imagination learning value with an exciting week at the end of the half term. We are fortunate to have some special visitors from China spending the week in school so that we can explore each other's cultures.

Spring 1 Curriculum – The Firework-Makers

Daughter.

This half term Year 3 will be going on a journey alongside Lila to find the secret to making fireworks.

Through reading 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman we will be wading through dark jungles, navigating raging rivers and climbing Mount Merapi, the volcano that holds the mighty secret to firework making.

In our reading we will be focusing on the skills of retrieving evidence and interpreting characters emotions and moods of the text.

As part of our literacy the children will be writing their own narrative of the journey, using inverted commas to punctuate speech and subordinating conjunctions to add details to their sentences.

In art the children will be developing their painting skills, mixing colours and creating their own firework scene of the final chapters of the story.

In PE they will be using levels and canon to create a dance routine which will be filmed and displayed for parents to see.

All of the children's work will be showcased at a Fireworks party event on **Thursday 13th February.**

Homework –

This half term we have introduced the half term holiday learning project – to design, create and name a firework.

This is due on **Monday 6th January.**

More details on this to come home with your child this week.

Times table homework continues on a Wednesday on Times Table Rock stars.

<https://trockstars.com/login>

Children are expected to undertake 10 games in the garage by the following Monday.

In Year group assembly we are celebrating children who improve the speed in answering their TTrackstar questions.

SPELLINGS – Curriculum words will be sent home the first week back with another spelling booklet. Please encourage the children to learn these spellings throughout the next few weeks ready for a test in the **week beginning 10th February.**

READING – Children should be reading at least **four times** a week and recording their own reflections in their planners. Teachers check planners for reading entries once a week when children will then move up our reading tree towards our end of half term reading reward. Well done to those who achieved this last half term!

Spring 1 Curriculum Spellings

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These can also be found in the children's planners.

PE

Outdoor Games: Wednesday AM (all classes)

This will be run by Team Spirit. It is important the children have warm outdoor kit as we will go out in the cold.

Indoor P.E: Monday (all classes)

During indoor PE the children will be developing their dance sequences with a focus on levels and canon.

P.E. Kit- Shirley Junior School T-Shirt with their house logo; alternatively, they may wear a plain white T- Shirt, black PE shorts. Long hair must always be tied up and all jewellery must be removed. If earrings cannot be removed, then they must be taped.

Key dates in year 3 - Spring 1

6.1.19 – Holiday Homework – firework design due

13.2.19 – Firework party – Year 3 outcome school hall/playground – 5pm

W.B. 10.2.19- Spelling test and final BMBT

W.B 10.2.19- Curiosity and imagination week – Chinese visitors.

Maths

This half term we will be learning to add and subtract using the formal written methods for numbers up to three digits. We will also be using these skills and applying them to a range of different problems.

Spring 1 will see us continue our focus on the 4 times tables in class. Children will have weekly lessons on the time table and will begin to have them (once confidence in 2, 5 and 10 has been shown) added to their BigMathsBeatThat test on a Friday.

Parent Helpers – THANK YOU!

Your help so far this year has been fantastic. If anyone feels they have some time they would also like to give to supporting in the year group please let your child's class teacher know. It really does make a difference!

Thank you so much for your support.

The Year 3 Team Miss Spencer Mrs Connelly Mr Tough