

Year 3 Autumn 2 Curriculum

WOW! Who knew that Year 3 had so many skills to their names?

They certainly had a fantastic start to Shirley Junior school and impressed not only their teachers, but a range of adults at the school with their fantastic manners, entertainment, organisation, hosting and of course some delicious cooking skills.

Last half term we looked closely at the Citizenship Learning Value and developed the skills of being a good Year 3 citizen; helping our peers, looking after our communal areas and following our class charters. In Autumn 2 we will be exploring the REFLECTION LEARNING VALUE and thinking about learning from mistakes and working hard to improve to meet our goals.

Autumn 2 Curriculum – Walk Like An Egyptian!

This topic allows children to become historians and discover the achievements of Ancient Egyptian society. The last week of half term, the children were lucky enough to have a visit from Treehouse Theatre; they took part in several workshops and put on a fantastic final performance. Children will now investigate the hierarchical pyramid that was in place during Ancient Egyptian times and look into detail at each part; Pharaohs, High Priests, scribes, farmers and slaves. They learn about how each of these groups of people contributed to life at the time and the achievements which were linked to them.

Using skills of drawing conclusions from primary sources and reading in non-fiction texts children glean an in depth knowledge of the death of Tutankhamun, create their own clay cartouche with hieroglyphics, learn to mummify and even investigate the soils for farming on the river Nile.

All of this knowledge supports them on our outcome day on **Friday 13th December**. Children are invited to come to school dressed up in Ancient Egyptian fancy dress and take part in an ancient Egyptian banquet. Each child will take on a role and get a real insight into how fair society was then.

Homework – 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 are the most accurate with their TTrackstar scores this half term.

SPELLINGS – The next set of curriculum words will be sent home this week (they are also in the planners). Please encourage the children to learn these spellings throughout the next few weeks ready for a test in the **week of 16th December**.

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 reflection reward towards our end of half term film reward. Well done to those who achieved this last half term!

Autumn 2 Curriculum Spellings (11 this half term!)

history century sentence recent centre guide through library heard important position

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

PE

Outdoor Games: Wednesday AM (all classes)

This will be run by Team Spirit. Now it is getting colder please ensure children have warm outdoor kit.

Indoor P.E: Monday (all classes)

During indoor PE the children will be developing their gym balances and sequences.

P.E. Kit Children can wear their house t-shirts and black shorts; alternatively they may wear a plain white coloured T-Shirt and black 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

Autumn 2

- 11.11.19** Remembrance day – service at St James, Grandparents only invited 2.30pm
- 11.11.19** Flu immunisations
- 12.11.19** Parents evening
- 14.11.19** Parents evening
- 15.11.19** INSET day
- 13.12.19** Egyptian Dress up day – Children in school in Egyptian clothing for an Ancient Egyptian banquet.
- WB 16.12.19** Spelling tests and final BMBT
- WB 16.12.19** Enterprise week.
- 20.12.19** Last day of term.

Maths

This half term children will be applying their knowledge of 3 digit numbers and using it when adding and subtracting.

We look at mental methods as well as beginning to learn to use the column method to add and subtract 3 digit numbers and use this to solve problems.

We have a final half term focusing on our 2, 5 and 10 times tables. When children achieve 24 (and above!)/40 in our timed BigMathsBeat that they have shown they have mastered these times tables, applying their knowledge at speed in 60 seconds and move on to 4 times tables. It has been great to see weekly scores begin to creep up each week and confidence with multiplication increasing. Keep practising!

Parent Helpers – We need you!

Can you, or someone in your family, spare any time in the school day to hear some readers or practise times tables? Your support in all areas of learning is always appreciated and any time you may have to offer would be highly appreciated by the Year 3 team. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you can help. All helpers in school will be subject to an online DBS check.

Thank you so much for your support.

The Year 3 Team

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