

# CLASS 3MW

THE PURPOSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS TO INFORM YOU OF THE TOPICS THAT YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE STUDYING DURING THIS HALF TERM.

## WERE THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS GENIUSES OR FOOLS?



### Literacy

Our main area of study will be on the book 'Gulliver's Travels' by the author Jonathan Swift.

Our main areas of study will be:

Narrative writing

- Instructional writing
- Recounts - such as diary entries and newspaper reports.
- Non-chronological reports linked to the Ancient Egyptians.

The children will be developing their grammar, punctuation and inference skills.

### Science

In Science we will be focusing on 'Forces and Magnets' and 'Rocks.' We will be acting as scientists to explore different magnets and the magnetic fields.

We will be focusing on comparing and grouping different rocks and recognising that soil is made up of rocks and organic matter. They will also be learning about what a fossil is.

The children will be conducting an investigation to classify different types of weathering on stones.

### R.E.

In R.E. we will be focusing on 'What do Christians learn from the Creation story?' As a class we will be identifying the place of the creation story on the Biblical timeline and focusing on how we can take care of our world.

### Home Reading

Home reading books will be sent home to support our new Read Write Inc Phonics and reading programme, as well as books to encourage children to share stories with you and read for pleasure. Please discuss these with your child and sign their reading record daily and return them to school each day.

### PSHE

In PSHE we will be collectively working on the children's 'Dream and goals.' This will cover facing difficult challenges and achieving success.

### Numeracy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Recapping the children's place value knowledge, focusing on partitioning numbers into hundreds, tens and ones.
- Multiplying and dividing by 3, 4 and 8s.
- Making equal groups by sharing
- Using arrays
- Multiplying and dividing 2 digits by 1 digits

We will be focusing on the 3, 4 and 8 times tables, as well as revisiting and consolidating the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Your support at home with helping your children to learn their times tables will be greatly appreciated.

### History

In History we will be focusing on the Ancient Egyptians. As historians we will be learning about their everyday lives, as well as their incredible achievements and answering the question, 'Were the Ancient Egyptians geniuses or fools?' The children will be using inference skills to gather evidence, using different sources to answer historical questions about the Egyptians.

### Music

In music children will be exploring the pulse and rhythm of a piece of music by listening to different songs and playing instruments.

### Computing/French

In computing we will be using Purple Mash and we will be focusing on Handling Data. These lessons will have a large emphasis on the importance of E-Safety.

The children will continue to have the brilliant opportunity of learning French with a specialist language teacher.

### Homework

Times table books will be handed out each week. A times table test will be completed every Monday. Your continued support in preparing for the test is gratefully appreciated.

Homework will be sent out each Friday; to be returned by the following Friday.

### Art/DT

Our Art and DT lessons will be linked to our history learning of the Ancient Egyptians. We will be investigating the purpose and importance of canopic jars. We will then be designing and recreating these jars using clay.

### PE

In PE the children will be focusing on developing their dance skills.

PE Kits should be brought into school every Monday and taken home to be washed every Friday. PE lessons will take place on Tuesday afternoons. Children will need their PE kit of plain red shorts and plain white T Shirt. as well as their outdoor kit. Trainers are also required on this day.

**If you have any concerns that you need to discuss with me, please email me at [mworral@stjameshull.co.uk](mailto:mworral@stjameshull.co.uk) or ring the school office if it is urgent.**