

21st April 2023

YEAR 3 SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

We have had a lovely start to the summer term and are excited to begin our new topic.

Topic



Our topic for the first half term is 'Ready, Steady, Grow' and 'Ancient Egypt' in the second half. We will be learning about the Ancient Egypt period on a timeline, develop an understanding of how it fits in to early history studied, and consider why we study early civilizations. The children will learn about The River Nile and its importance in flooding and farming, understand the roles of pharaoh, scribe, priest, craft worker and workers/servants, and look at the discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamun. We will look at the importance of the afterlife in Ancient Egypt and the range of different gods that they worshipped and why.

Science



In Science, we will be studying plants and animals. This will include identifying and describing the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers. The children will be exploring the requirements of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and room to grow), and we will investigate the way in which water is transported within plants and explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal.

The children will identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat. The children will identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement. We will learn about the importance of nutrition and the main body parts associated with the skeleton and muscles alongside finding out how different parts of the body have special functions.

Art



This term the children will be developing their drawing skills, through learning how to use a pencil to shade and create tone, alongside how to use oil pastels to create different marks by blending, smudging, using side or tip. They will learn how to use a roller and ink for printing and how to create their own printing block. They will look at the work of artists who formed geometric abstract paintings such as Malevich, Matisse and Mondrian and look at optical illusion artist Bridget Riley.

Spanish



During this term, both classes will be learning names of fruits and food items. We will continue working with numbers, colours, greetings, days of the week, months and classroom instructions. Through games and written activities, the children will consolidate their Spanish.

Computing

In Computing, we will be focusing on the three main strands – IT, Computer Science and Digital Literacy across the term. Their focus in IT will be how do digital devices work, for Computer Science they will use digital devices to build 3D models, and for Digital Literacy they will learn about the importance of device free moments and how to be a good digital citizen.

P.E.

Both classes will have P.E. on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Please ensure your child is wearing suitable trainers and bottoms (jogging bottoms, leggings etc. – no jeans or skirts) on P.E. days. They can just bring in their green PE t-shirt so it is only their tops that they will be needing to change in school. As the weather is getting warmer, please ensure that your child brings in a water bottle to school.

Reading

The children will be reading for 15 minutes each day to read for pleasure in class in addition to their daily whole class reading lesson.

Finally...

If you need to contact us regarding your child's education or wellbeing, please speak to us at the end of the school day or email:

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We are really excited for this term and look forward to making wonderful memories!

Thank you,

Talsia, Emma, Ana and Kath