

Year 3 Newsletter- 10th January 2025

Dear Parents,

Thank you again from the Year 3 team for the wonderful Christmas gifts and wishes. They were a real treat and much appreciated. We hope that you and the children were able to have a healthy and relaxed Christmas!

The children have settled back into the school routine well and I am so glad that they seem to have recovered from all of the nasty viruses that were plaguing us in November and December.

In maths this week, the children were thinking about multiples of a variety of different numbers. We looked at how they can use their times tables to help them understand how to find multiples of different numbers. In our maths lessons, the children have been learning about important STEM sentences and are able to recite some important vocabulary linked to each topic.

Our new book 'The Scarab's Secret' has been great for the children to read and begin to understand this week. They did this by completing some short comprehension activities and highlighted interesting vocabulary in the text and then found the meanings in a dictionary. By the end of the week, we were having dictionary races and even went on to use a thesaurus to find more mature vocabulary for some everyday words. The children really enjoyed this.

In History this week, the children all made their own pyramid, whilst learning about why the ancient Egyptians built them. We began to read a story about some of the Gods that were worshipped back then and how important the afterlife was to the ancient Egyptians. We will be learning more about the Gods and Goddesses as the term progresses. It is great to see how much the children are enjoying this topic. Don't forget, we have our Egyptian day on Tuesday 21st January. On that note, if at all possible, could your child bring in some newspaper and a cardboard tube (kitchen roll or toilet roll inner) to enable them to make an Egyptian Death Mask? The children will taste figs, grapes, flat breads and honey. If they have any intolerance please let me know.

In PE this week, the children have been working on their ball skills, in particular we are focusing on hand-eye co-ordination. The children completed a carousel of ball activities from throwing into targets, to rolling the ball and knocking down cones. We talked about the importance of looking at the target they are aiming for when they throw and to ensure that they are looking at the ball when it is being thrown to them. We worked on positioning our hands in readiness to catch a ball too.

For home learning (if you wish to do some this week) aside from times tables, spellings and reading, it would be great if you give your child some random numbers and ask them if they are multiples of 10. The children have some great strategies for being able to understand why a number is or is not a multiple of 10.

Woodland Learning dates for this term are the 23rd January and 11th February. Please don't forget (as we had a few missing) that the children need to have their PE kit in school ready for lessons on a Wednesday and Friday.

We are looking forward to another great term with your children!

The Year 3 Teaching Team

The spellings this week are: (10)

Yellow, purple, turquoise, orange, white, beige, mauve, brown, black, violet.

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Red, blue, green, pink, black, brown, white.