

YEAR 3 & 4 NEWS

Ancient Egyptians

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back and Happy New year. We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break and a great start to the year and are looking forward to the exciting Term ahead.

English

This half term's English unit is based on a fiction story 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura.

This book is about a boy young boy who trips and fall into The Stone Age. He meets a Stone Age girl and her tribe. They teach him all about their way of life. He watches them hunt, fish, cook, celebrate and make clothes, tools and weapons.

The children will have opportunities to take part in a range of activities, such as role plays, writing dialogues, writing their own version of the story.

History

In our amazing history topic, Ancient Egypt, children will learn about timelines- placing Ancient Egypt in world history. Investigating the importance of the River Nile and the invention of the process of irrigation. We will explore the famous Egyptian Rulers and compare them with modern day rulers. Children will take part in range of different activities looking at the Pyramid buildings and internal structures.

Maths

In maths this half term the class will working on the full range of age appropriate Year 3 and 4 arithmetic skills as well as also learning and exploring:

Year 3

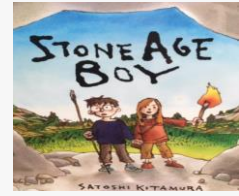
- Multiplication and division including 4, 7 8, and 12 times tables. Using multiplication facts to work out two step problems.
- Children will be learning measurement in millimetres (mm), centimetres (cm) and metres (m). Children will learn how these units of measurement relate to one another and convert between single and mixed units.

Year 4

Multiplication: This is the main focus for Year 4, quick rapid recall of multiplication facts will be a daily activity in preparation for the Multiplication Tables check in June, as well as recalling the related division facts. In addition to this children will learn to multiply and divide by 1, 10, and 100 and solve multiplication problems.

Science

In science we will be studying 'States of Matter' The children will learn about what matter is and begin to group materials together into solids, liquids or gases. Observe that materials can change their states when heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens at. Pupils will identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the



Reading

Reading is extremely important for expanding your child's vocabulary. Please make sure your child is reading at home a minimum of **10 minutes daily**. This is a part of your child's homework.

Wednesday: Year 3 – PE Day
Year 4- Swimming

Friday: Year 3 & 4 PE Day

Please ensure that pupils come to school in full PE kit on PE days.

Computing

This term pupils will begin to use a simple spreadsheet. Pupils will learn how to format cells, use formula wizard to calculate averages and begin to use the spreadsheet to model a real life situation.

In **music** we will be learning to rap based on a song about bullying. Children will learn to listen and appraise music and learn to rap and sing the song. Children will take part in activities that finds the pulse, rhythm and beat. We will also have the opportunity to compose, write and perform our own rap song.

Thank you for all of your support and if you have any questions please ask



Mrs Mistry and Miss Scott