

Year 3 News

10th January 2011

Dear Parents of children in Mrs Wright's class,

I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and would like to wish you a very happy new year!

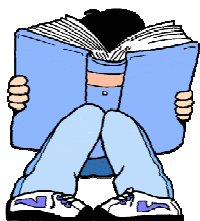


I would like to take this opportunity to inform you about this Spring term. Mrs Macquisten and Mr Baird will continue working alongside me in the classroom on set days to support different groups of children. We will also be joined by a student teacher, Miss Brightwell, who will be teaching with me for the first half term.



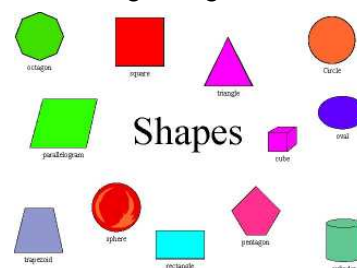
In terms of **Literacy** the main focus will be on "Myths and Legends" (particularly Egyptian ones), and "Adventure and Mystery". We are having a big push on handwriting this term. I would appreciate it if you would check your child's homework for neat handwriting and spelling. Please make them redo any untidy work so that they learn to take a pride in their presentation.

Our **topic** is "The Ancient Egyptians". This will be linked to our **Literacy, Art** and **ICT** work. We will continue to learn phonics and spelling patterns, which we will expect to use within writing. "**Letters and Sounds**" will continue to be taught each morning with some children now moving on to "Support for spelling". Mrs Macquisten and Mr Baird will test the children on the reading and spelling of the Y3 words. You will receive a copy of the appropriate words so that you can help the children to learn them. They will continue to have the opportunity to progress along a "train track" according to how well they do.



The children will continue to read their reading book with you at home each night and I would appreciate if you could log their progress in their reading diary. Please ensure that your child's book bag is in class each day. We will be doing guided reading using other materials, daily.

In **Mathematics** we will be working as a whole class with support from Mrs Macquisten and Mr Baird. The main themes will be "counting, partitioning and calculating", "securing number facts", "shape", and "handling data and measures". Initially we will be focussing on estimation, all tables and relating the answers to larger numbers e.g. $2 \times 5 = 10$ so $20 \times 5 = 100$, place value and simple fractions.



Our **Science** topics for this term are "Rocks and Soils" and "Moving and Growing". Music will be taught on a Wednesday morning and will cover singing with accompaniment. Art and Design + Technology will be linked to the Egyptians topic and will include making a Senet game (an ancient Egyptian game), pyramids and clay tablets.



PE will take place on Mondays. Please ensure your child's kit is clean, labelled and kept at school. Each child needs a white T shirt, blue or black shorts and pumps. We will be doing Invasion Games and Dance this term.

In **ICT** we are researching for our topic and covering the units called Modelling and Control. For **R.E.** we are covering "Books", "Memories" and "Death and New Life". We continue to learn some very basic French this year.

Homework will be set as follows: reading, word and tables learning-every night, as well as "Learning logs" which are issued on Wednesdays and returned on Mondays. Please feel free to help your child as much as you can with their homework. You can give them the precious one to one time which I am

unable to, having 25 children to look after. Please guide them in content as well as handwriting and spelling please.

We continue to encourage the drinking of water and if you have not yet provided your child with a clean empty bottle for them to use, you might like to do so now.



Dinner money continues to be £10 per week which is payable on Mondays please.

There is always a large amount of lost property in school, mainly due to clothing not being labelled properly. **ALL** clothing needs your child's name in it. Clothes are very expensive and we cannot trace lost, unlabelled uniform as they are all the same. Please encourage your child to be responsible for their own clothing. If you are missing any pumps I have a table full in the cloakroom



There are a few events happening soon which you might like to note in your diaries:-

Thursday 3rd March- Egyptian Day
Thursday 14th April- 1990s concert-1.30pm
Friday 15th April- Easter Fair in the afternoon.

I actively encourage the children to speak to me if they have any concerns or problems relating to school and I also invite you to contact me if there are issues arising at home. I will be meeting with you at the February Parent's evening but please contact me before or after if you have any worries.

I look forward to an exciting Spring Term with Year 3 and, hopefully, some better weather.
Yours sincerely,



Janice Wright

Please Note

- ☀ If you have changed your mobile phone or do not receive texts from the school, please let Mrs Cartlidge have you mobile telephone number.
- ☀ We have a recycling bin for batteries in the school front entrance. If you wish to recycle your batteries please use the bin provided.
- ☀ School meals are now being cooked on the premises.

