

Tomb Raiders

Year 3 Newsletter – September 2020



Engage – Inspire – Empower

Welcome to Year 3

Welcome back after what has seemed like a very long break for the children! We are looking forward to getting to know you and working together as we offer the children exciting new learning opportunities.

Transition from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2

At the start of the term, we will be settling the children in and doing all that we can to ensure that they feel safe and secure in their new environment. The Year 3 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have enjoyed in Key Stage 1. This is to help them remain motivated and enthusiastic learners as we work towards a smooth transition Year 2 to Year 3.

The Year 3 Team



Aspen Class: Andrew, Gemma,
Sharon & Shaheda



Juniper Class: Fenella and Josh
PPA Teacher: Nursel

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place during the first half term. Due to the current circumstances, these will be held over the phone. See Deborah's newsletter on our website.

For up to date information, please refer to our school website at:
www.jennyhammond.waltham.sch.uk. You can also keep up to date by downloading the JHPS app on your device.

Our TOPIC this half-term is
Tomb Raiders.

During the topic the children will:

- Understand the concept of 'Ancient' by placing the Ancient Egyptians on a timeline in history.
- Find out about the beliefs of the Ancient Egyptians by looking at factual evidence about the Pyramids, mummies, Hieroglyphics.
- Look at a range of Egyptian artefacts - what do they tell us about the past?
- Using maps and atlases to locate Egypt on a map.

PE

PE will be on **Wednesday for children in Aspen Class and Thursday for Juniper class**. This half term we will be developing our passing and dribbling skills, focusing on basketball.

Children should come to school wearing their PE kits on these days. As with all uniform, please ensure that items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name on it.

PE kit is a plain white t-shirt and blue shorts. As the weather is becoming cooler, we recommend that children wear blue tracksuit bottoms, with their school sweatshirt and suitable footwear as we will be doing PE outdoors as much as possible.



Water Bottles

Please bring in a water bottle for your child each day to keep in class for them to access throughout the day. Please make that sure your child's name is clearly written on the bottle.



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Maths

This half term will be looking at Place value and the number system including adding 10 and 100. We will also be extending our knowledge of understanding addition and subtraction focusing on mental strategies and the column method. We will also be looking at finding the perimeter of simple 2D shapes and interpreting and presenting data including bar charts, pictograms and tables.

We are going to incorporate regular mental maths sessions into the weekly timetable, focusing on times tables. It is really helpful if you can practise these with your child at home.

★**TOP TIP**★: Rehearse the times tables aloud, and then test your child.

Website to practise times tables: 'Hit the button'.

How can you help? The website www.mathszone.co.uk has links to lots of number activities in the counting section.

English

To begin with, we will be carrying out an exciting whole school English project. The book we are using 'here We Are' and is a lovely aid for transition as its themes are an important representation of what we are experiencing at the minute. We will then move on to describe differences between modern day schools and schools of the past with a focus on descriptive language. We will be using the text 'African Tales' by Gcina Mhlophe as a stimulus for a number of reading, writing and speaking & listening opportunities.

Tips for English at home: Reading with your child every day will really help their learning. You could read to them, listen to them read or read together. You can also do some fun activities online at:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/literacy/>

Science

In Science, we will identify and describe the functions of different parts of plants; roots, stem, leaves and flowers. We will also explore the requirements of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil and room to grow) and how they vary from plant to plant.

Creative Development

In our Art lessons, we will be looking at designing Canopic jars that could have been used in the mummification process in Ancient Egypt, as well as practising our sketching techniques for different purposes. In History, we will investigate many aspects of the Ancient Egyptian civilisation, such as social structure, religion and beliefs.

RE and Circle Time

In RE we will be investigating the different ceremonies that many religions use to celebrate the birth of a child, including Islam, Sikhism and Christianity.

During Circle Time, we will be focusing on the children's health and wellbeing by discussing the children's hopes about the new school year and addressing any fears they may have about returning to school. We will also be helping the children to develop a growth mind set. This encourages the children to become resilient in their learning by challenging themselves and understanding that it is okay to make mistakes.

Dates for your diary

Individual Photos: Thursday 24th September.

Jeans for Genes Day: Friday 25th September. Your child can come to school in non-uniform and wear their jeans. Please bring in £1 to go to this important charity.

Half term begins on Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October. Children will break up for Christmas on Friday 18th December 2020 at 2.30pm. Children will return on Monday 4th January 2021.

And finally, if you have any questions or concerns for us, please send a note in with your child and we will get back to you. We are always happy to help!

Best Wishes, The Year 3 Teaching Team