

Homework

The POWer Project sheet will go on the website and they need to complete at least two projects. In addition, your child needs to write in their Reading & Writing Journal weekly, alternating the side their write in.

We will continue with weekly Times tables Challenge as well. Website to practise times tables: 'Hit the button'.



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Reading

Please aim to read every day. Reading with your child every day will really help their learning. You could read to them, listen to them read or read together. For more online reading resources, you can still use your Bug Club account. You can also do some fun activities online at: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/literacy/>



Our topic this half term is:

Tomb Raiders



Welcome back to the new term. we're really looking forward to our new topic and exploring Ancient Egypt!

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place after school on Tuesdays. If you need to speak to the class teacher, please email the class email and we will arrange a time for you.



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.

The Year 3 Team:

Aspen Class: Aaliyah, Sharon H & Kim

Juniper Class: Bilkis, Anika & Shaheda (PM)

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.

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 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.

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

English

We will be carrying out an exciting whole school unit of work called **Growing Together**. The texts in this unit focus on a child's desire to impact on the natural world around them through rewilding and building on a sense of community through interacting with nature in shared spaces. The book we will be using is 'The Promise' by Nicola Davies. The book is about a girl who is hardened by harsh urban environment that surrounds her. She is then transformed into a guerrilla gardener by unexpected events. We will also be using the film 'Treasure' as a stimulus for a number of reading, writing and speaking & listening opportunities.

PE

PE will be on **Monday for both classes**. This half term we will be developing our skills in Games, with a focus on Tennis.

Children should come to school wearing their PE kits on Monday. 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 plain navy 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.

Important Dates



- World Afro Day: Wednesday 15th September
- Individual Photos: Friday 17th September.
- Jeans for Genes Day: 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: Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October

Humanities and Topic History & Geography

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.

Art

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 & PSHE

In RE we will be exploring the big question of 'What do different people believe about God?' This touches on different perspectives of different religions and non-religion views too.

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. We will also be helping the children to develop a growth mind set, encouraging the children to become resilient in their learning by challenging themselves. Our PSHE follows the JIGSAW 'Being in My World' which will allow children to value themselves and others.