

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

We are pleased to see the children are revitalised after their Easter holiday and are back enthusiastic to learn! If you have any questions, as always, please come and speak to us.

## Summer 1 in Year 3

### Our topic is: Furious Pharaohs

English	Maths	History	Geography
<p>This term we will be investigating adventure stories and learning how to build suspense and excitement. We will use the book <i>Marcie and the Riddle of the Sphinx</i> to inspire our writing. We then turn to the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb and look at all the events that led up to its discovery. We put ourselves in the shoes of someone who was there and write a diary, showing our emotions as it was discovered.</p>	<p>We begin this half term looking at column subtraction, and building on our knowledge of column addition from last term. We then move on to focusing on unitary fractions and what this means in terms of shape and quantity.</p>	<p>We will begin by creating a timeline to show how long ago the Ancient Egyptian civilisation was. We explore various aspects of life in Ancient Egypt including the social structure, and roles and responsibilities of pharaohs. We look at mummification and try mummifying a tomato! We look at hieroglyphics and attempt to write them ourselves!</p>	<p>We will be locating Egypt in the world and using continent names. We are comparing Egypt with the UK, and considering what it would be like to go there on holiday.</p>
Music	RE	Art	PSHE
<p>This half term we are exploring the different rhythms in Samba music, performing call and response activities with our voices and using body percussion.</p>	<p>We focus on the concept of temptation this half term, looking at what it means. We then consider it through the Christian faith and what this means to Christians.</p>	<p>During our history lessons, we will be examining hieroglyphics and trying to write them. We then take this a step further and develop our skills with clay to make a cartouche with our names on in hieroglyphics.</p>	<p>In both our PSHE lessons and during everyday class conversations, we will be looking at our lifestyles and what we do in our spare time. We consider what makes a healthy lifestyle.</p>

### Websites

There are lots of fun games to help with our learning on the internet, that can be accessed on a tablet or home computer.

#### **Useful websites:**

BugClub

TT Rock Stars

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize)

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)

## **How can I help my child at home?**

### Home Help!

#### Reading and Book Talk:

Reading is an important part of learning and developing children's vocabulary and language skills, therefore we encourage you to read with your child at home. It provides a great opportunity for you and your child to talk, and share ideas and thoughts about what they have read.

We want children to be happy and enthusiastic readers, and hope that children are able to read a variety of genres to broaden their reading experiences. Please remember to write in their reading diary when your child reads, and remind them to bring their book in daily. To encourage independence, your child needs to tell us when they need a new book.

### Homework, home-reading and PE.

A homework grid has been sent out. Each week your child can choose an activity from this grid and complete it. It has also been put onto Google Classroom and homework can be submitted for us to see online.

Homework books are to be handed in every **Monday** and will be returned every **Friday**.

This term, Year 3 have PE every **Tuesday and Friday**. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school on these days.