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Dear Parents

Year 3 Newsletter – Autumn 2019

Welcome back to another busy and exciting school year. It has been so lovely to see how quickly the children have already adapted and risen to the challenges and expectations of Year 3, as well as their new classrooms on the top floor! The autumn term will be busy with our usual celebrations of autumn and Christmas festivals but I also thought it might be useful for you to know what your child will be studying over the next term so that you can help to support them with their studies.

English

This term the children will learn how to write a formal letter, a diary and an explanatory text. They will revise nouns both singular and plural and begin to use a range of interesting adjectives and adverbs to enhance their writing. Punctuation rules will be taught and applied by the children in all writing. They will be reading and using texts surrounding the discovery of Tutankhamen's tomb and learning how to skim and scan a text to quickly find a sentence which explains their answers to comprehension questions. Spelling patterns and rules will be taught weekly and reading aloud will be practised on a daily basis.

Maths

During the autumn term the children will learn place value and how to partition numbers. They will become competent at using the formal grid method for addition and subtraction and learn their multiplication tables. Learning to tell the time both in analogue and digital time will be revised and the children will also learn how to tell the time to the nearest five minutes. Mental arithmetic will be practised every week as well as problem solving.

Science

Year 3 pupils will investigate how light travels and recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a source is blocked by an opaque object. After half term, they will identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition. They will also identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement. Pupils will continue to record their findings and explain them.

Art

This term the children will work with a variety of media and then design and produce an Egyptian death mask. They will create flags using paint and pastels and make Christmas wreaths, calendars and cards. They will be taught how to sketch and follow an original design.

French

Pupils will continue to revise simple greetings, instructions, days of the week, months of the year and numbers. They will learn how to ask questions and reply using the French vocabulary they have acquired thus far.

Physical Education –Boys

The year 3 boys will be learning how to play rugby. The emphasis is on developing basic skills and learning to play in a team. They will learn paired gymnastic moves as well as paired choreography in dance.

Physical Education – Girls

The year 3 girls will learn how to play hockey and develop their team skills as well as consolidating basic skills. In gymnastics they will learn paired moves as well as practising paired choreography in dance.

History

During the first half of the term, the children will be studying Ancient Egypt. They will understand the process of mummification and learn why the Ancient Egyptians carried this out. They will learn about Egyptian gods, their way of life and why they settled near the River Nile.

Geography

During the second half of the term, the children will embark on a study of the UK. They will identify major cities, rivers and mountain regions and begin to use their knowledge of climates to understand what different counties are generally known for producing.

PSHE

This term the pupils will be discussing their feelings and opinions on what makes a good role model, concentrating on identifying what characteristics they each have and considering leadership qualities as well as fairness. They will consider how to help others particularly through the school's charitable activities such as the Harvest Festival and the Jogathon.

RE

In RE, the children are developing an understanding of world religions. They will be starting with Hinduism with a focus on Diwali. Then they will move onto Christianity, developing a deeper knowledge of the Nativity story.

ICT

The pupils are starting the term with a research topic on the ancient Egyptians where they will present their findings using Power Point and after half term they will collect and present data using data bases technology.

Music

The children will continue to study concepts such as pitch, rhythm, dynamics and timbre using singing and percussion playing.

I do hope that this information is useful but, if you have any queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch: claire.thompson@redhouseschool.co.uk.

Yours sincerely



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