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Dear Parents

### **Year 3 Curriculum Information: Autumn Term 2021**

Welcome back to another busy and exciting school year. The Year 3 pupils are adjusting well to life back in school and they are admirably rising to the challenges and expectations of Key Stage 2. I 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 pupils will learn how to write a formal letter, a diary and a non-chronological report. They will explore language and begin to use a range of interesting adjectives and adverbs to enhance their writing. Punctuation rules will be taught and applied by the pupils 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 resources will be sent as homework to further support these skills. David Walliams will be the class author and the children will explore several books and have the opportunity to read aloud and listen to stories on a daily basis.

#### **Maths**

During the Autumn Term, the pupils will learn place value and how to partition numbers. They will become competent at using mental and formal written methods for addition and subtraction as well as learning their multiplication tables. Telling the time will be a key focus this term, particularly focusing on 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. They will explore how we see things and the importance of protecting their eyes in the sun. After half term, pupils will learn more about the food groups and compare diets between animals and humans. Exploring how the body takes in nutrients from different foods and comparing this with other animals.

#### **Art/DT**

This term, the children will work with a variety of media to design and produce an Egyptian death mask and a clay scarab beetle. They will create calendars, cards and a range of Christmas crafts. In DT, pupils will be exploring the topic 'edible garden' and learning about the importance of sustainability when selecting ingredients and cooking.

#### **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 / Girls**

Pupils will be learning how to play invasion games. The emphasis is on developing basic coordination skills and learning to play in a team. This will include the rules and key skills of football and netball.

**History**

During the first half of the term, the pupils 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 and the importance of these figures in everyday life. Pupils will study Tutankhamun and events leading up to the discovery of his tomb.

**Geography**

During the second half of the term, the pupils 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. Pupils will be encouraged to share the places they have visited and draw comparisons between localities.

**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 Children in Need.

**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 will start the term with a research topic on the Ancient Egyptians, focusing on the effective use of an internet search engine. Children will present their information using Word and PowerPoint. After half term, they will collect and present data using data base 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](mailto:claire.thompson@redhouseschool.co.uk).

Yours sincerely



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