

Spring 1 - 2024

Key events:

25th Jan – Limerick Writing workshop with local artists 'Angry Dan'
5th – 11th February – Children's Mental Health Week
6th February – Safer Internet Day
22nd February – Student Teacher begins in 3AF

History – Ancient Egypt

This term's History will explore the ancient Egyptians. We will discuss the importance of the River Nile, the role of Pharaohs, the mummification process, hieroglyphs and the hierarchical structure of ancient Egyptian society. Children will also consider what it was like to be a member of ancient Egyptian society. They will be encouraged to think like historians, making hypotheses based on sources.

Art – Sculptures

Children will create 3D pieces of art using different mediums such as clay, paper and metal. Children will learn that a sculpture can be abstract, or of something visually identifiable. We will tie in our art with our History with the children making Canopic Jars (mummification process) out of clay. Children will also learn about some famous sculptors such as Saloua Raouda Choucair and Edgar Degas.

Introduction

Dear parents and carers,
We hope you've enjoyed your winter holiday and are ready for the Spring Term! We're certainly excited to get started. Please see the information about the topics your child will be learning about.

The Year 3 staff are:

3AF Mr Falk

3LG Miss Ong,
Ms Rajagopalan
(covering for Miss Gordon)

3SH Miss Hickey

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Teaching Assistants:

Ania Obidzinska

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Home Learning

- Daily reading, we would advise children in KS2 to be reading for at least 20 minutes per day and reading records to be signed by an adult or the child 3 times per week.
- Maths homework to support learning of the key facts e.g. timetables.
- Spelling homework
- Children benefit from adult support with homework in the Autumn term to establish a good routine

Homework will be given out on Fridays and collected in on Thursdays.

Science – Forces and Magnets

In this unit, the children will compare how things move on different surfaces and notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance. They will observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others.



PE

Our PE topics this half term are **Dance** and **Netball**. In Netball pupils will be encouraged to persevere when developing competencies in key skills and principles such as defending, attacking, throwing, catching and shooting. In Dance pupils create dances in relation to an idea including historical and scientific stimuli. A PE coach will lead some sessions for 3AF and 3LG. 3SH will get a coach in Summer Term.

How to support your children at home

We recommend a balance of reading with your child and making time for them to read independently. To support topics, children can use a range of resources: local libraries, weekend trips, online resources and information books to deepen their learning. Some online resources that may be useful are:

Ttrockstars.com **Topmarks – Hit the Button**
Mathsframe **Ducksters** **Oddizzi**



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MFL – In a French Classroom

The children will learn to respond to common classroom instructions through games. They will learn vocabulary for classroom items. As well as understanding that every French noun is either 'masculine' or 'feminine.'

PSHE - Stealing

Children will learn the differences between borrowing and stealing and be able to describe how they might feel if something of theirs is borrowed and not returned. They will learn why it is wrong to steal and know the difference between being responsible and irresponsible.

RE

Our focus for Religious Education for Spring 1 will be a discussion-based unit, focusing on the question *What does it mean to be a Christian in Britain today?* This investigation enables children to learn in-depth from different spiritual ways of life about Christian scriptures, exploring questions about what the Bible says and how the Bible is used and valued in Christian communities today.

Maths

Maths topics for Autumn 2 include Subtraction, Multiplication, Length and Perimeter. We will first take a practical approach to teaching subtraction, focusing on children using base-10 blocks to make exchanges in the Ones and Tens column, before attempting a more formal, written method of subtraction. We will continue to quiz the children weekly on their multiplication tables. We will focus on the 3, 4, 6 and 9 times tables this half term.

Weekly Schedules:

PE days:

3AF – Mon and Fri

3SH – Mon and Thurs

3LG – Mon and Weds

Library Days:

3AF – Monday

3SH – Friday

3LG - Friday

Final Word / Important Points

All children can now receive a free piece of fruit at playtime. You may send your child to school with their own playtime snack if you'd prefer, though please stick to healthy options, with little waste, if possible.

Thank you for supporting us in our common goal of giving your children the best possible education.

Computing – Emailing

The children will learn how to send emails, both formally and informally. They will learn about the elements of email composure. We will explore how to include attachments and links. We will also have discussion about how to be responsible digital citizens.

English

Our first Writing Topic will be a narrative unit, using George's Marvellous Medicine as inspiration. Children will learn to use adjectives, adverbs and similes to describe settings and characters. We have been researching the work of Jane Considine, who has got some exciting new ideas about how to deliver writing units. We will be trialing some of these ideas this term.

Music

Our exciting work in the Piano Lab continues with twice weekly lessons! The children are learning about the layout of the keyboard, and how to play keys with different fingers. What an amazing opportunity!