



Year 3/4 Newsletter

Spring Term 1 2024/25



We hope that you all had a lovely half term break!
This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead.
If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

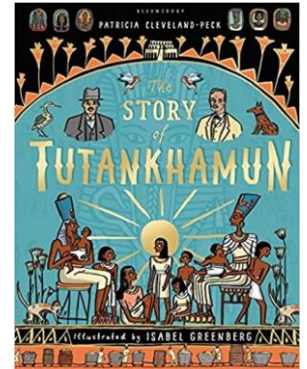
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| The Year 3/4 Team: | |
| 3NI | Najma Ibrahim with Syleena Samuels |
| 3LS | Lydia Saunders with Naheed Devon |
| 4GS | Ghislaine Seaton |
| 4BG | Josie Blake/Vikki Gale |
| 34BW | Sheryl Burton/Leanne Witchell |

History - Our topic this half term is Ancient Egypt .

We are very excited to be learning all about Ancient Egypt and exploring “How did Ancient Egypt last for 3000 years?” with a focus on Ancient Egyptian society. We will be studying how Ancient Egyptians lived on a daily basis, their beliefs (Gods and Goddesses) and what different societal roles there were during that time. There will also be spotlight lessons on specific Ancient Egyptians and their importance. The children will also be learning about the significance of the pyramids in the Ancient Egyptian way of life.



English - This half term, we will be starting looking at *The Story of Tutankhamun* which is a non-fiction text written by Patricia Cleveland-Peck. We will be exploring the history of Tutankhamun and writing reports about Ancient Egypt. After that we will go on to find out about more about Howard Carter and explore the stories and legends about the curse of Tutankhamun’s tomb. To conclude the learning cycle, we will be writing a biography of Tutankhamun.



Reading – One of the most effective ways you can support your child with their academic progress and development is through reading together regularly. Your child will receive a book from school which they should look after, and bring into school each day.

Children should be reading at home each day, with an adult, for 20 minutes.
Please sign your child’s reading record each day to show they are reading regularly and so they can earn rewards in school. Please note, there is a £5 charge for lost books.



Maths - This term we will be continuing our work on multiplication and division. Children will recap their 2, 5 and 10 times tables and will begin to work on their 3s, 4s and 8s. Please practise these with your

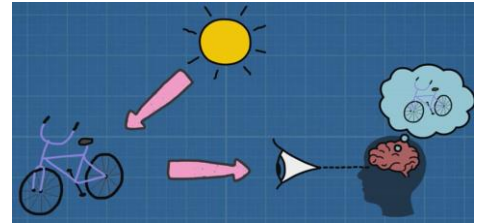
Children as this will help build confidence and fluency in Maths. By the end of Year 4 all children should know all their times tables fluently.



You can support your child at home by completing the homework they receive each Friday and practising times tables.

Don't forget to log on to Times Tables Rockstars <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>

Science - Our science focus this term is Light. The children will recognise that light is reflected from surfaces; that light from the sun can be dangerous and that shadows are formed by a light source being blocked by a solid object. Children will work scientifically to carry out different tests, asking questions, recording data and explaining what they have found out.



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R.E – This half term we will be learning about what is special to each individual and how our community influences us.

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P.E – Year 3 classes will have an indoor session for gymnastics and an outdoor session for hockey. 3/4BW and Year 4 classes will have two weekly hockey lessons outdoors.

All children **must** wear their PE kit into school on the specified days. PE kit should consist of plain navy (black if necessary) bottoms (leggings, shorts or tracksuit bottoms), a white school t-shirt or gem house t-shirt and trainers. This should be worn with a school jumper or cardigan.

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| 3NI | Monday | Thursday |
| 3LS | Monday | Thursday |
| 34BW | Tuesday | Friday |
| 4BG | Tuesday | Wednesday |
| 4GS | Monday | Wednesday |

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P\$HE - This half term, we will be focusing on the wider world and being part of a community.

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Spanish – In Year 3 classes we will be looking at musical instruments in Spanish. 3/4BW children will be learning about different activities in a unit called 'I know...'. In Year 4 classes we will be looking at vocabulary relating to Ancient Britain.

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Music - This half term, we will be continuing to work with Duncan to develop our singing, composition and performance skills.

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Computing - This half term, we are learning about programming.



On behalf of the Year 3/4 team, we look forward to working with you this half term.
Thank you in advance for your support and please do contact your class teacher if you have any questions.

Over the term we will be sharing examples of the work your children will be doing in class on our year group webpage: <https://www.thegemfederation.co.uk/bessemer-primary/learning-hub/classes/>