

# Year 3 Newsletter- 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parents,

Here are a few reminders for next week; it's a busy one! On Tuesday we have our Egyptian Day and the children can wear their outfits (if they have one) to school. We are doing some painting and using clay, so if you would rather they just wear old clothes, that's fine. I will ensure that the children have an apron on, but this doesn't always stop them from somehow managing to get paint on their clothing. Please remember that they will need a tube from the inside of kitchen roll or tinfoil to help with their Death Masks. On Thursday morning, we have Woodland Learning with Year 5. The reason that we like to join with other classes is to ensure that there are more adults outside, which enables the children to be able to climb trees and utilise the stream.

In maths this week, the children were looking at the links between multiplication and division. They were able to understand that if they could find the answer to  $3 \times 3$ , then they could also find the answer to  $3 \times 30$ . These facts and using their times tables knowledge has really helped the children with this week's learning. Later in the week, the children were securing their written methods for multiplication and division.

We have finished our English based around the story of The Scarab's Secret this week and the children wrote their own adventures from the beetle's perspective. To start the week, they planned their character's journey and then we wrote the beginning, middle and ending in structured paragraphs. The children were introduced to a success criteria this week, which reminds them of the things that they need to focus on in their writing.

In History, the children were learning about the mummification process. This is important, because the Ancient Egyptians believed that this life was just the start of their journey and that if they led a good and just life, they would be rewarded eternally in the afterlife. During the lesson, the children were mummifying dolls that were brought in.

In Science, the children are learning about forces and magnets. Last week, they learnt about the poles and used the scientific vocabulary 'attract' and 'repel.' The children thoroughly enjoyed seeing what objects around the classroom were magnetic.

## Rock Steady

Lots of children in our school have lessons each week in a Rock Steady band. Sometimes there are opportunities for children to have a free trial lesson. There is no obligation to sign up for lessons following the free trial. On other occasions, we allow the Rock Steady Music School to carry out interviews for new band leaders at our school and on these days, many children are needed to have a free session just for fun. If you do not give permission for your child to take part in free sessions this academic year, please let me know.

**The Year 3 Teaching Team**

The spellings this week are: (10)

Heard, heart, learn, increase, fruit, guard, group, guide, height, interest.

(7)

Make, take, shake, lake, same, name, some.