



Chestnut Class, Year 3

Summer Term 1

April - May 2022

## What was so awesome about the Ancient Egyptians?

Miss Elson

### Welcome back Year 3!

We have a really exciting term ahead of us as we learn all about ancient Egypt. Remember: if you believe in yourself, anything is possible!

This term we will explore the themes of compassion, drive, aspiration and confidence

### English

This term we will be using the book *Egyptology* by Dugald Steer. *Egyptology* is designed to resemble the scrapbook of a (fictional) missing archaeologist from the 1920s and is brimming with novelty features like fold-out maps, mini-books, pull-outs and postcards.

Early in the term the children will use the text as inspiration for writing their own Egyptian mystery narrative, before moving on to study the features and language used in writing a diary.

We will continue to focus on grammar throughout the term and will be using the correct terminology including: preposition, conjunction, word family, prefix, clause, subordinate clause, direct speech, consonant, vowel and inverted commas.

### Maths

At the beginning of the term the children will learn about column subtraction. Children will use their knowledge of place value in correctly laying out column subtraction and will subtract 2-digit and 3-digit numbers, exchanging from both the tens and hundreds columns.

Later in the term children will learn about unit fractions. They will identify a whole and the parts that make it and will learn to use fraction notation to describe an equal part of the whole. Children will compare and order unit fractions by looking at the denominator, solve problems involving fractions and find fractions of quantities using their knowledge of division facts.

### Date for the diary

Year 3 will be holding a maths parent event on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm. This will be a great opportunity for children to share their learning with parents and to apply this in practical ways which can be continued at home.

### History

This term the children will be learning about the achievements of the earliest civilizations, as they begin to understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources. They will learn about the lives of ancient Egyptians and Pharaohs and will consider how they shaped the nation of ancient Egypt. The children will discover the purpose of the pyramids and what happened to Pharaohs after their death as well as learning about the beliefs of the ancient Egyptians.

### Science

During this term we will be learning about rocks and soils. The children will learn to compare and group together different kinds of rocks based on their physical properties. They will find out that soils are made from rocks and learn about the formation of igneous and sedimentary rocks. They will discover how weathering contributes to the formation of soil and how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within sedimentary rock.

### RE and PSHE

This term the children will be considering their own view about God and answering the question 'why do people have faith?' The children will also be finding out about healthy choices and habits, considering what affects feelings and managing and reframing setbacks.

## Home Learning

**Homework for the week will be posted on Google Classroom** on a Friday and should be completed by Wednesday. Teachers will inform the children how to complete this and place any extra information needed on Google Classroom.

**Read at home 5 times a week** - Strive for Five! This can be achieved through reading the school book provided or reading other texts that they have access to at home. Please ensure that you write all reads into the reading log and send these to school daily. Every read counts towards their 100 reads, earning them a new book to keep forever.

**TTrockstars** - Access this regularly to ensure that their times tables recall and recognition is quick and can support them in their maths work.

**Spellings** - Spelling books are sent home each night for children to practice and should be returned daily. They will be tested at least once a fortnight and will progress through their booklets accordingly.

All Login details for online homework are in the front of your child's reading record along with their Google Classroom login.

## Reminders



**Water Bottles** - Every child should bring a water bottle to school each day and take this home to be cleaned each afternoon.



**PE** - This half term, PE will be on a **Tuesday and Wednesday**

On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, your child should come to school in their white PE t-shirt, their school jumper/cardigan and either plain black leggings or plain black jogging bottoms (these can be purchased from local supermarkets and should not be branded).

They may come in their red shorts if the weather is warm.



**Remote Learning** - Remote learning will be provided for any children self-isolating and unless they are too ill, this should be completed daily.

Our remote learning is posted on Google Classroom.

Login details for this are in the front of your child's reading record.

