

Happy New Year Poplars!

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break with family and friends and are excited for the Spring term. As the children progress through Year 3 we aim to continue nurturing and furthering their sense of independence for themselves and within their work.



Our topic for this Spring term is Ancient Egyptians. Within this topic we will be exploring what life was like living next to the River Nile and why this was so important to people. We will look at where Ancient Egypt fits into our historical timeline, the pyramids, mummification and why life after death is so sacred to the Ancient Egyptians. Furthermore, we will be exploring Tutankhamun and other pharaohs.

In English, we will be reading *The Tin Forest* and the children will create a persuasive information leaflet. After we will look at *The Last Garden* where the children will write their own narrative about community overcoming adversity.

For Geography we will be looking at the key question of 'Who lives in Antarctica?'. Children will locate Antarctica on the map, consider what climate zones are and who might live and work in Antarctica. Plus, they will learn about the intrepid explorer Ernest Shackleton.



In Maths, we will be recapping addition and subtraction before diving into multiplication, and division. Later in the term we will be moving onto measurement. We will also be supporting children in developing a comprehensive understanding of their times tables that will support their learning as they progress to the later years of primary. Children have logins for Times Table Rock Stars and will be encouraged to practise multiplication both inside and outside of school. The children can also use Numbots and this educational platform can help further their understanding of number.



Homework will be sent home every Thursday and will be due on the following Tuesday morning. Children's homework will be sent home in folders and will include the following:

- One piece of Mathematics supporting their current learning.
- Reading comprehension.
- A spelling, grammar, or punctuation exercise.

Continued support from home with the children's reading is much appreciated. We would like them to read to/with an adult at least 4 times a week and for this to be recorded in their red reading diaries please.

This term, our science lessons will develop on their knowledge from Year 2 of the topic 'Animals, including humans'. We will focus on moving and growing, identifying which

animals have skeletons and the reasons why. Additionally, we will consider why animals and humans need the right types and amounts of nutrition.



Mrs Squire will be teaching the class during their Creative Thursday sessions. They will be creating amazing pieces of art linked to our English module, The Tin Forest. Using the medium of sculpture the children will explore the translation between 2D and 3D shapes. The children will then design and make their own Egyptian scroll whilst developing their confidence and techniques.



For RE, our lines of enquiry concentrate on 'What is it like to follow God?' and considering if 'Festivals and worship show what matters to a Muslim'. In PSHE the children will be exploring what it means to keep safe within society, exploring dangers and risks. Also, they will identify the importance of rights and respect, with regards to each other and also the wider environment.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school via email at year3@hatherleigh-pri.devon.sch.uk.

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