

# Year 3 Learning Letter (Autumn 2)

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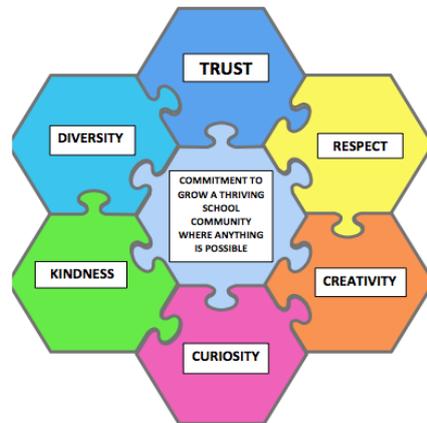
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Miss Ward & Mr Diamond



Believe in world of possibilities

## Year 3's Learning News

**BPS values** - This half term we are focusing on kindness and respect. Linking it to our Jigsaw topic by thinking about how to respect differences and treat everyone with kindness. In Anti-bullying fortnight, diversity is one of the main areas of thinking.



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### What we will be learning...with top learning tips

#### Upcoming Events

- ◆ Y5 cake stall Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Nov – end of day at the front of school
- ◆ Weds 9<sup>th</sup> Nov – PHOTO DAY! (Look your best!)
- ◆ **Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Nov CHILDREN IN NEED DRESS UP IN SOMETHING SPOTTY.** Cake stall after school. Please donate a £1.
- ◆ 14<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 'Power for good' (friendship/falling out/anti-bullying fortnight)
- ◆ **Christmas Fair Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November time 6-8pm**
- ◆ **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December parents evening**
- ◆ **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December non-pupil day for parent consultations**
- ◆ **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December Year 3 Egyptian Day**
- ◆ **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec (1.45pm) Panto to parents**
- ◆ **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December Y3,4,5,6 Christmas parties**
- ◆ Weds 14<sup>th</sup> Dec HOT Christmas lunch
- ◆ Last day of term **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm.**

**Reading...** In Guided Reading we will be learning about different fiction and non-fiction texts, and furthering our comprehension skills. We will explore the features of instructions and discuss their impact on the reader. Through fiction texts we will focus our inference skills and predict what might happen next.

**Learning Top Tip** – Use a **dictionary** to help with spellings and meanings of words and also expand your vocabulary by using a **thesaurus** to find alternative words.

**Maths...** We will be reinforcing and extending our number skills: place value, number bonds, addition and subtraction will be the main focus during this half term. Alongside this, daily practice of our times tables will be happening. We will be making sure we are secure in 2's, 5's and 10's and learning the 3 and 4 x tables. This term will also be full of problem solving, learning new skills and investigations. We shall be moving the children onto multiplication and division, fractions and measure including time. As the children become ready in their learning, they will be taught the formal written methods.

**Learning Top Tip** – When learning 4 x tables remember it is double the 2 x table So, if  $3 \times 2 = 6$ , then  $3 \times 4 = 12$ . Double 6 = 12.

**GRAMMAR** - new curriculum expectations, which children need to know and be able to apply in their writing and reading: **prepositions, conjunctions, word families, prefixes, clauses, direct speech, using 'a' and 'an', inverted commas (or 'speech marks')**. We will also focus on **being descriptive in our writing and using well-chosen adjectives** to interest the reader.

**Learning Top Tip** – carefully read back what you have written and edit your writing by asking yourself: **'Does this make sense?', 'Can I use a more powerful word?', 'Is my writing interesting to the reader?'**



The children enjoyed a fantastic trip to New Barn Farm to enhance their learning about the Stone Age to the Iron Age

## What we will be learning...

**History**- We began our Ancient Egyptians topic with a re-enactment of the opening of Tutankhamun's tomb. We shall be exploring this ancient civilization by studying artefacts found in the tombs and thinking about what they tell us about how the people lived. We shall be comparing this to our own chronological era of the Bronze Age.

**Art and DT** - Linked to History topic - Studying Egyptian artefacts, hieroglyphs, making Egyptian jewelry and costume.

**RE** - Hinduism and Christianity

**PE** - Ball skills including Hockey, Benchball and Dodgeball. 3C continue swimming on Fridays.

**Jigsaw (PSHCE)** -Our topic this term is 'Celebrate Difference'

**Music** - We will be listening to and appreciating the music of Handel in November and Tchaikovsky in December. We will also be singing throughout the term.

**Science**- Our topic this half term is **Animals including humans**. This includes studying nutrition, bones, muscles and the human skeleton

## 14<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> November: Power for good



*'Being successful is not about resources but about being resourceful with what you have.'*

Tony Robbins

## 6Rs (growth mindset) top tip:

### Resourceful

If you have been to Egypt and have any photographs of the pyramids or souvenirs you are happy to share with us, we would be very grateful.

This half term we will be focusing on **resourcefulness**. The children will be encouraged to draw on their existing skills and knowledge to help further their learning and face challenges positively. We will be thinking about all the resources we have available to us that might help with our learning.

## Home Learning ideas...

This half term we are learning about Ancient Egyptians. This is always a favourite year 3 topic. Find out as much as you can by reading books or asking parents to help with research (there are lots of good websites for children such as BBC Bitesize or Woodlands Junior.)

Perhaps you might also like to try...

- "Try to build your own pyramid with lego or building blocks. What maths does this involve?" asks Mrs Rowe.
- Mr Cox says, "make up a new game, maybe a maths based game, and write some instructions for how to play it"
- "Look at pictures of Ancient Egyptians, find out what they wore, how they styled their hair and what the jewellery they wore was like," suggests Mrs Taylor.

Improving pupil voice, supporting pupil choice

## School Council News and Views...inc CHILDREN IN NEED

I just wanted to remind you about Children in Need day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. We are inviting everyone in school, including the teachers, to come dressed up in SOMETHING SPOTTY for the day! There will also be a SPOTTY cake stall at the end of the school day - please get baking at home and bring in your cake donations in the morning of Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Nov. All donations will go the Children in Need.