

# Year 3 Learning Letter (Spring 1)

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## Year 3's Learning News

Happy New Year and welcome back to another busy and exciting term. It has been lovely to welcome the children back; they seem rested and energized ready for the new term ahead. During the Spring Term, year 3 will be given the opportunity to flex their performance muscles as they rehearse for the Spring Show and the Dance Festival. We look forward to seeing you all at the performances of the Spring Show at the beginning of February.

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### Upcoming Events

- ◆ Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January Y4 cakes after school
- ◆ Week bg Mon 16<sup>th</sup> January = Y6 assessment week
- ◆ Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January – 2D class assembly
- ◆ Week bg Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> January 'Autism Awareness'
- ◆ Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January – 2M class assembly
- ◆ Weds 1<sup>st</sup> Feb Y3/4 performance to families 6.30pm (1/2), Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb performance to families 1.45pm (2/2)...more details to follow
- ◆ Week bg Mon 20<sup>th</sup> February = FAIRTRADE WEEK
- ◆ Wk bg 27<sup>th</sup> February 'Climate Awareness'
- ◆ Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March Y3 Dance Festival
- ◆ Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 5E assembly
- ◆ Wk bg 13<sup>th</sup> March British Science Week
- ◆ Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March – COMIC RELIEF...more information to follow
- ◆ Tues 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March (after school) teacher / parent consultations

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

**Reading...** In Guided Reading we will be learning about different fiction and non-fiction texts, and furthering our comprehension skills. We will be immersing ourselves in adventure and mystery stories and exploring what makes an exciting story.

**Learning Top Tip** – Mrs Rowe suggests, 'Improve your skimming and scanning techniques by asking someone to pick a word in the text that you have to find as quickly as you can.'

**Maths...**In maths we will continue to master the column method for addition and subtraction incorporating money and measure. We will also be learning how to find fractions of an amount and look at lots of different scales, learning how to understand and read them.

**Learning Top Tip** - "Use the inverse method to help work out mental subtraction calculations. E.g  $12 - 7 = ?$  is the same as  $7 + ? = 12$ ," suggests Sam.

**GRAMMAR** – Using our new text map – Luxor's Secret, we will be learning to write in paragraphs and focus on expanding our vocabulary. We will be using a range of punctuation such as exclamation marks and inverted commas. We will also focus on using conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions as a way of making our writing livelier.

**Learning Top Tip** – "Don't be afraid of the 'struggle zone', just work hard at it and you WILL get there," says Theo, thinking about the possessive apostrophe and present perfect tense.



Enjoying an Egyptian banquet on Egyptian Day.

## What we will be learning...

**Geography**- We will begin our topic on rivers. Finding out about their features, how they are formed and following their journey to the sea. We will also look at famous rivers of the world.

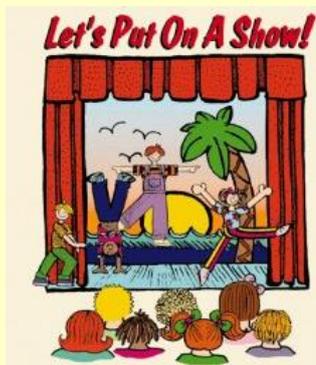
**Art and DT** - Linked to our Shows. We will be making props and costume.

**Computing** - We will be using the internet to research our Geography and Science topics. We will also focus on internet safety.

**PE** - Dance and Tag Rugby - Monday and Tuesday. 3R swim on Fridays.

**Jigsaw (PSHCE)** -Our topic this term is 'Dreams and Goals'.

**Music** - In music we will be focusing on the music of Bob Marley. We will find out about the origin of reggae music and look at its influence worldwide. We will also learn to sing 'Three Little Birds'.



*We will be focusing on the BPS value of respect. Listening to and valuing each other's ideas and opinions as we work together to create our Spring Show and dance for the Dance Festival.*

*'Life will never reach a point of mistake free or easy. Our resilience grows stronger as our mind grows wiser.'*  
Ty Howard

## 6Rs (growth mindset) top tip:

Our 6R's focus this half term is being and growing resilience. As we are now well into the year 3 curriculum, we need to show resilience and determination to master new learning. We are beginning to understand that learning isn't always easy and sometimes we struggle, but struggle is good - it means that learning will be deeper and foundations stronger.

## Home Learning ideas...

You might like to try...

- "Writing a short story where one of your favourite toys comes to life," suggests Mr Cox.
- Mrs Rowe says, "Make up a song to help you learn your times tables."
- Mrs Taylor thought you could, "Research our new rivers topic using books or the internet."
- "Look in your reading books and see if you can find some of the new grammar features we have been learning about, for example a sentence written in the present perfect tense or find where a possessive apostrophe has been used," Mrs Dearnley suggests.

Improving pupil voice,  
supporting pupil choice

## School Council News and Views...

In 3R we will be voting for a new school councilor this term.

School council are looking forward to a busy half term and looking ahead to the upcoming Comic Relief Day in March.