

Grove Road Primary School
Year Three Termly Newsletter



Welcome back to Autumn term and into Year Three! We hope you've had a restful and enjoyable holiday. Here is some information you might need for this term. If you have any questions, please come and see us.

Miss Morris, Mr Maranzana, Mrs Moar and Mrs Chillingworth

Our main theme(s):

Ancient Egypt

Our theme this term is, 'Ancient Egypt' we will be exploring ancient life, religion and beliefs during this period of history. We will use maps to locate Egypt and develop pupils' geographical understanding of the wider world. In dance we will be learning some Egyptian style movements building up to create our own ancient Egyptian themed dances. In games sessions pupils will be developing striking and fielding activities. In Design and Technology we will be exploring different mechanisms building up to design and make an Egyptian Shaduf.

In Science, our topic is light. We will be exploring light and recognising that light is needed in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light. We will also explore shadows and how shadows change in size and position.

In our Computing this term, we will be learning about electronics, networks and 3-D graphics. We will explore how to use circuits to fulfil specific purposes and learn how to control them through networks and technologies. They will revise their understanding of e-safety and explore ways to keep safe online. They will then explore and create their own short animations. In music we will be exploring descriptive sounds following the Music Express scheme for Year Three.

Our PSHE topic is 'Our Happy School' focusing on creating a happy and collaborative learning environment. New ground rules are established building on principles introduced in KS1. In French the pupils will be learning the following topics this term: Greetings, saying goodbye, asking people how they are and what their name is and the alphabet. In Religious Education we will be studying Christianity and Islam, looking at stories of key religious leaders, ways of describing God and the meaning of Christmas.

English units:

Through our English we will be focusing on the following units this term. Where and when possible we will link our learning to our Ancient Egypt topic.

English Units

Poetry – Limericks
Narrative – Fables
Non-fiction - Report Writing
Poetry – vocabulary building

Maths topics:

In Maths this term we will be working on:

- Place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Money
- Problem solving

In addition to this we will be learning our times tables in preparation for the weekly times table challenge.

Our **PE days** are:

Tuesday and
Wednesday

The kit pupils need is:
Shorts and T-shirt and
Tracksuit and trainers
for games sessions

Home Learning: Will go out
on Wednesday for return
the following Monday. We
also ask that children read
daily with an adult.

**Other ways to help at
home:**

Learning x tables
Telling the time
Measures
Spellings
Sharing books

Reminders:

- Reading records will be checked every Monday. We would hope to see that your child has read once a day.
- Please ensure jumpers, water bottles, shoes and coats are clearly labelled

Harvest Festival – Friday 12th October

Parents Evening – Tuesday 23rd and

Thursday 25th October

Key Stage 2 Family Learning – Thursday 8th
November and Thursday 10th January

Egyptian Day –Friday 9th November (details to follow)

If parents could help with reading, learning times tables or spellings during the afternoons, please let us know. Additionally, please note that if any parents wish to come in regularly, they will need to complete a DBS check.

We would really appreciate your support.