

Nevill Road Junior School 2017-2018



Year 3

Our topic this term is 'Ancient Egypt'

This term we will be focusing on the following areas and skills:

English

Writing -

- Reports
- Fictional settings
- Recounts

Ongoing word and sentence work- (VCOP/SPAG)

- Prepositions, adverbs, ambitious and interesting vocabulary.
- Conjunctions - joining words to make longer sentences, time conjunctions.
- Openers - beginning sentences in a variety of ways.
- Punctuation.
- Spelling strategies and investigation; homophones, prefixes, suffixes and word families.
- Handwriting.

Speaking and Listening-

Drama. Group and class discussions. Short presentations to the class.



Maths

Every day we focus on mental calculation skills, number bonds and helping the children to learn their multiplication tables. Our focus this term will be on the 3 and 4 times tables.

The children will be studying the following areas of Maths:

- Mental methods for addition and subtraction.
- Written methods for addition and subtraction
- Mental multiplication and division, including 2-digit numbers.
- Solving written and / or reasoning problems using the skills detailed above.
- Counting in intervals of 4, 8, 50 and 100
- X3, x4, and x8 tables, and corresponding division facts.



PE:

The children will have 2 PE sessions each week. One session will take place outdoors and one will take place in the hall. This half term we will be focussing on football and dodgeball/benchball. Please can both indoor and outdoor PE kits (including trainers) remain in school during the week. As an active school, we often use the field for walking, jogging or running during the day.

Please ensure all PE kit is be clearly named. Children may not wear **ANY** jewellery when doing PE. Earrings should either be left at home on PE days, or children need to be able to remove them themselves.

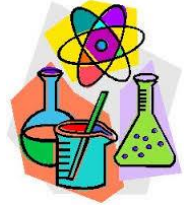
Year 3 will not be going swimming this half term. Swimming will begin after Christmas.



Science and Topic:

Light

- To understand we need light to see.
- To understand reflection.
- To know why you should not look at the sun.
- Shadow formation.



Ancient Egypt

We will be learning:

- How to locate Egypt on a map
- The mummification process
- All about the Egyptian gods and goddesses
- How the pyramids were built
- What daily life was like in Ancient Egypt



ICT - Programming using Scratch

PSHE - Friendships, Making Choices, Anti-bullying, Keep Safe in the Dark.

Art - Learning about Mondrian, creating own Mondrian inspired artwork.

Music -The children will be learning to play the recorder. Lessons will be on a Thursday afternoon.

Homework

In Year 3 the following homework will be set (in line with the school's Homework policy):

- **Spelling / English and Maths homework will be given out each Friday. Completed homework must be returned by the following Wednesday.**
- Topic - a matrix homework will go out at the beginning of each half term and children will be able to choose, then complete, a number of suggested activities.
- Children should read daily for at least 10 minutes and be heard by an adult as often as possible. Please record any comments in their Reading Diary.
- Children should practise their times tables and mentally adding and subtracting 1 and 2 digit numbers throughout the week.

How you can help:

Please ensure that your child has their reading book and reading record in school every day. Occasionally, pupils may be asked to bring in resources from home or to carry out research. If you have any questions regarding your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

PPA Time:

The teachers now have PPA time on a Friday afternoon. During PPA time, Miss Dean's class and Miss Whittle's class will be taught by Cheshire Coaches and Miss Robinson. Mr Kinnear's class will be taught by Mrs Clarke. Due to Mr Kinnear having management time, 3K will be also covered by Mrs Clarke on a Thursday.

Well done to all of Year 3 for a fabulous first half term in the Juniors!

Thank you.

Mr Kinnear, Miss Whittle and Miss Dean.

