



Betty Layward Primary School

Year 3 Class Newsletter

Spring 1 2022

Welcome to your child's first
Spring half term in Year 3.

We have an action-packed term time ahead of us with some exciting learning experiences.

If you would like to speak to us, or make an appointment, please let the Year 3 teaching team know.

Asifa, Tania and the Year 3 Team

For this half term, our topic is:

The Ancient Egyptians



During this History topic, we will:

- gain historical perspective by growing location knowledge and learning how this has impacted history
- gain historical knowledge of how people lived in ancient civilizations through exploring how they lived and where they settled
- understand periods of time through the knowledge of how people throughout history have found food to survive
- look at belief systems to form an understanding of day-to-day routines and rituals
- gain knowledge of societies by exploring how different societies organised themselves
- understand and gain knowledge about human behaviour throughout history

English

This half term we will be looking at:

Non-fiction

Explanation texts – How the Egyptians buried their dead.

Some features of explanations:

- Chronological order
- Casual connectives
- Third person
- Labels / diagrams

Poetry - The Sound Collector

Mathematics

We will continue to be learning to be fluent in number.

This will involve covering the following concepts:

- Multiplication and Division
- Word problems – application of all four operations
- Length
- Mass

Science

For the whole of the Spring term our Science is:
Animals including humans

We will be answering these questions.

- What are the food groups?
- What is your favourite meal?
- What's in your food?
- What makes a balanced diet?



Religious Education

We will be learning about:

Islam

How do features of a mosque help Muslims pray?



Art

We will be learning about:

Cityscapes

To discover and understand the work of Camille Pissarro.

To use the technique of perspective. By choosing a focal point, an artist can create a sense of scale by changing the size of buildings and objects as they move towards the focal point.



PE

PE will take place on Fridays for both Emerald and Jade.

Homework

It is very important that your child practises their times tables and spelling regularly at home. These core skills, combined with regular wide-reading will greatly support your child's learning at school.

At home, children should be reading something they enjoy. At KS2, most children are now reading to learn, rather than learning the fundamentals of reading. There is a great emphasis on discussing and comprehending the text.

It is important that they can answer questions by referring to the text, not trying to remember the answer. They must also feel comfortable to ask what words **mean** when they come across new words. They need to see it as an opportunity to develop their vocabulary which can be applied to their writing.

Homework tasks will be given out once a fortnight. Half-termly topic projects will also be given out to students to assist their learning in class.