



# Year 3 Autumn term 2 Curriculum Newsletter

## Reading

### Phonics – Read Write Inc.

A phonics programme that builds reading skills. Children read books matched to their phonics level to develop fluency and confidence

### Reading – VIPERS

Reading lessons develop key comprehension skills using the VIPERS approach: understanding vocabulary, making inferences, predicting events, explaining ideas, retrieving information, and sequencing or summarising key points from the text.



## Writing

### Autumn is Here (Poetry)

Children will explore poetic language, rhythm, a rhyme, while developing descriptive vocabulary, varied sentence structures, and accurate punctuation.

### Inside the Pyramid (Narrative)

Children will develop understanding of character setting, and dialogue. Builds skills in paragraphing using vocabulary for impact, and applying commas and apostrophes correctly.

### Christmas Desert (Persuasion)

Children will use clear reasons, questions, descriptive words, and precise verbs to persuade others to agree with their ideas.



## Maths

### Addition and Subtraction

Adding and subtracting three-digit numbers using mental strategies and formal written methods, spotting patterns, and solving missing number problems.

### Multiplication and Division

Focus on the 3-, 4- and 8-times tables, plus multiplying and dividing using arrays and bar models.



## Science

### Animals including humans

This unit takes children through six lessons where they learn how to: identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat. They also learn how to identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.

## HISTORY

### Ancient Egyptians

This term in History, children will explore the fascinating civilisation of Ancient Egypt. They will learn who the Ancient Egyptians were, when they lived, and why they are still remembered today. Key areas of learning include the importance of the River Nile, the role of pharaohs, daily life, gods and goddesses, mummification, and the building of pyramids and tombs.



### WAYS TO HELP AT HOME:



## ART

### Ancient Egyptian Scrolls

This unit focuses on exploring and creating Ancient Egyptian art, helping pupils understand and apply the styles, patterns, and techniques of Ancient Egyptian artwork through lessons that include designing scrolls, making paper, and creating contemporary responses using zines.

Read with your child daily, talk about the story together, and ask them questions about the text.

Practise the 3-, 4- and 8-times tables and help your child learn to tell the time — both on analogue and digital clocks. Little and often makes a big difference!

## PSHE

### Valuing Difference

This half-term, children are learning about respect, diversity and kindness. They'll explore different families, how to handle unkind behaviour, and the importance of treating everyone fairly. We encourage families to talk about these values at home to help children understand and celebrate differences.



## HOMEWORK

Homework will be given to the children on a Friday and should be handed in on a Wednesday. English and Maths to alternate weeks.

TTRockstars 3x10mins per week  
Spelling Shed 3x10mins per week

### TEXTS COVERED THIS TERM:

