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Dear Parents and Carers

Egyptology

Happy New Year to you all. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and managed to celebrate with family and friends.

This term we will be focusing on Egypt by looking at the Ancient Egyptians as well looking at the River Nile and its importance for the land and its people, we will explore the myths and legends including Isis, Osiris and Set.

Other Information

Reading and Times Tables and Homework

Children should still be reading with an adult as often as possible, as this allows them to discuss words or story line, check correct pronunciation of words and answer comprehension questions. 10 minutes a day would really help with their progression. **Reading diaries should be handed in every Monday for Mrs Newcombe to check.** If children's reading has been noted four times in the week, in their reading diaries, then they will receive a sticker on their reading bookmark.

Times Tables Rockstars, is also available for the children to use. This will not only help them with their specific times table knowledge but will also lend itself to other areas of maths we explore as a class but also further in all of KS2. If you would like to try something additional from TTRS please follow the link. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/multiplication-and-division>

Homework is handed out most Fridays, following work done in the classroom. It is not compulsory, however, the more that can be completed will always help consolidate previous learning, completed in the classroom. Hopefully, these tasks are not too arduous and it allows some fun to be had with the learning.

Violins

Y3 will be continuing with their violin lessons every Thursday afternoon with Mr Bettle. Please remember to bring the violins into school every week, unless they are told otherwise. Please do encourage your child to practice at home.

PE and Swimming

Please make sure your child has their P.E. kit (named, please) in every day in case our timetable changes. However, our session this term is on Friday. P.E. kits will be sent home regularly with the children, so they can be washed or changed before coming back into school on the Monday morning. **Swimming continues on a Monday afternoon for this term, please remember their swimming kits.**

Term 3 & 4 RSHE Content for Year Three

As we communicated in our Relationships, Health and Sex Education consultation, we will be keeping you regularly informed about content to be taught in the term ahead.

This term, your child will have the following Jigsaw topics:

Term 3	Dreams and goals - identifying dreams and ambitions, facing new learning challenges, being motivated to achieve new challenges, recognising obstacles, evaluating our own learning process.
Term 4	Healthy Me - understanding how exercise affects my body, knowing about calories, fat and sugar, attitudes towards drugs, strategies for keeping safe, understanding how complex our bodies are.

The vocabulary used will be:

Term 3	Perseverance, challenge, success, obstacles, dreams, goals Ambitions, future, aspirations Teamwork, enterprise, co-operation Strengths, motivation, efficient, responsible, Frustration, solution Reviews, celebrate, evaluate
Term 4	Oxygen, energy, calories, heartbeat, lungs, heart, fitness Labels, sugar, fat, saturated fat Healthy, drugs, attitude Safe, anxious, scared, strategy, advice, emergency services Harmful, risk, feelings.

Please see the RHSE curriculum page of our school website for further information.

Communication

Please send any communication to the school office and this will be passed on to the class teacher.

Birthday celebrations

As part of our healthy school approach, we no longer are able to hand out sweets, cakes or gifts to the class from the birthday girl or boy.

Medication

If your child uses an inhaler, please ensure that you bring it to the school office in a named container along with the prescription requirements - please ask the office for a form to complete and sign.

This information will be reviewed and amended whenever needed and we will inform you as soon as possible. If you have any other questions about Year 3, please do not hesitate to contact us. We hope your child continues to enjoy their learning journey this year!

Best wishes

Mr Mahony and Mrs Newcombe