

Spring 2022 – Curriculum News

January 2022

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and are looking forward to another busy term at Abbots Green.

Over this term, the children in Year 3 will continue to learn lots of new and exciting information, including how the Ancient Egyptians lived. We will find out about different Egyptian pharaohs and even create our own Shabti figures. In Science our area of study is 'Forces and magnets'. We will research and investigate a range of different forces, including magnetism and finish by creating our very own Science TV show! In RE, our focus will be Christianity and the different miracles Jesus performed. Our designing and making skills will be used to build a castle fit for an Egyptian Cinderella! In PE our Gymnastics unit is 'Patterns & pathways' and for outdoor PE we will practise 'Striking & fielding'. The children will also be introduced to 'Box2Bfit' to test their stamina and fitness. The children will continue to learn French phrases and enjoy music lessons with Mr Cole.

Year 3 staff

Miss Chapman

Japan Class

Mrs Sadler (Mon-Thurs)

Mrs Cragg (Fri)

Kenya Class

Mrs Hyden &

Mrs Cunningham

Learning Support Assistants

Mrs Di Blasio &

Mrs Lafflin

PPA Cover



English

The children will be exploring lots of different genres within English. These will include; instruction writing on mummification, stories set in Ancient Egypt and a diary based on Howard Carter's discoveries. We will also be retelling the story of an Egyptian Cinderella.



Mathematics

This term we will continue to work on learning the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. We will then move on to look at money and statistics in pictograms and graphs. The children will also be measuring length and perimeter and will begin to work with fractions.

By the end of Year 3, children are expected to be able to speedily recall their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables. Please continue to use Times Tables Rock stars to practise.

May we take this opportunity to kindly remind parents:

Children are required to have a **water bottle** in school with them every day

All **school uniform** should be clearly **named**

Your child brings a **healthy snack** – **only fruit or vegetables**



Reading

Children will be given regular opportunities to change their colour banded or 'free reader' books. Please make a note in your child's reading log when you have listened to them read. We also encourage children to record any independent reading they have done at home. The expectation is that they read **3** times per week (signed by an adult). The class text will be 'There's a Pharaoh in our bath!'



PE

PE will now be on **Wednesdays** and Fridays. Please ensure your child wears warm PE kit to school on those days. They do not need to change during the day. Earrings must be removed and long hair must be tied back for safety reasons.



Home learning

This will be a weekly piece of vocabulary homework AND a maths OR English task on Showbie, related to learning in the classroom. It will be set on Fridays and due on Wednesdays. If this work is not completed the children will now be expected to do this during their break time.

Children will also have weekly spellings to learn related to the spelling rule/pattern being taught; recorded in reading logs and tested on Fridays.



Rainbow Challenges

Write a message to someone using **Egyptian Hieroglyphs**.

Choose a material to create a **3D Pyramid model**.

Create a **quiz about Ancient Egypt** for us to try in school.

Find out what a **Shaduf** is, create an **information poster**.

Find out about **pharaohs** and write a **poem**.

Debate if items should be taken from tombs. **Show on a world map** places where archaeologists are at work today.

Recommended Read

Egypt Magnified by David Long



This non-fiction book combines facts, with finding and fun!