

# Curriculum Newsletter

## Katherines Primary Academy - Spring Term 2026

### We are Year 3: Boyan Slat



#### Welcome back

Welcome back to school! We hope you've had a fantastic winter break and are ready for an exciting new term. Just a couple of quick reminders for the children. Please remember to wear their correct PE kit into school on PE days. Also, please ensure that their reading record is in school daily. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff who would be more than happy to help.

#### What are we learning this term?

##### English

In English this term, pupils will be working on several linked writing tasks. They will start by creating character descriptions based on characters from *The Egyptian Cinderella* by Shirley Climo. Next, they will write newspaper articles about events from the text. Later in the term, they will produce instructions on the process of mummification. These activities connect closely with our history topic, making learning both engaging and meaningful.

##### Home reading

As readers, children should read every night to develop accuracy and fluency. An adult should then sign their reading record book to show this has taken place. Every time they read, they will gain a star on their card in the front of the diary and when it is full they will be rewarded for their effort with a prize from the Head teacher. Your child should bring in their Home School book every day. It is important to hear your child read as this will help to build their confidence too. You can also see their progress first-hand.

##### RWV/ RSE

This term in RWV, we'll dive into the fascinating world of Philosophy. We will be asking big questions and exploring how people make moral choices. In RSE, we'll turn our attention to the relationships that shape our lives, learning how to build strong, positive connections.

##### Maths

As mathematicians, we will be looking into properties of shape, consolidating our understanding of multiplication and exploring the written methods, calculating area and finish the term with fractions and decimals. We will continue to include reasoning practice in all we do. Please help to improve their knowledge of number bonds and times tables as well by practising on TT Rock Stars!

##### History

As historians, we will be studying The Ancient Egyptians. We will look at the work of archaeologists and how it helps us understand the past. We will learn about Egyptian society.

## Topics we will be studying this term...

History - Ancient Egypt

Geography - The River Nile

Science - Forces and Magnets

Computing- Sequencing Sounds

Art - Egyptian Scrolls

D.T. - Structures

R&W - Philosophy

RSE- Our Relationships

Music- Writing Music Down

PE- Gymnastics, Netball, Basketball

MFL-What is your name? Alphabet

## P.E.

As athletes, there will be a focus on a variety of PE skills this term. We will be gymnasts and dancers learning all about balance, matching, and mirroring. We will also be practising our ball skills and using these skills in basketball and netball. P.E. days are

**Wednesday and Thursday.** Your child may come dressed in clean PE kit for these days. Earrings and other items of jewellery must be removed for PE and long hair should be tied back. long hair should be tied back.

## Geography

As geographers, we will explore our locational knowledge, looking specifically Egypt. We will learn about why the Nile is so important.

## Art/ DT

In Art this term, we'll be stepping into the world of Ancient Egypt to design our very own Egyptian scrolls. This exciting project links perfectly with our History and Geography topics, bringing the mysteries of the Pharaohs to life through art! In DT, we will be designing and building our own castles by using our knowledge of 3D shapes and nets to help us.

## Computing

As technicians, we'll be exploring what it's like to work in a new programming environment. We'll discover how commands lead to real outcomes, learn why every program needs a clear starting point, and understand how the order of commands can change everything. It's all about thinking logically and creating sequences that make things happen!

## Science

As scientists, we'll be exploring the fascinating world of forces! We'll investigate how objects move across different surfaces, uncover the secrets of magnets, and learn about attraction and repulsion. Get ready for hands-on experiments and exciting discoveries as we find out what makes things push, pull, and stick together, or apart!

## Notes ...

In Year 3, homework will be set online. There will be no homework books. Our homework focus this year is consistently reading five times a week at home as well as accessing:

TTRS - please aim for 3x per week [www.ttrs.com](http://www.ttrs.com)

Spelling Shed- weekly [www.edshed.com](http://www.edshed.com)

Logins are now in the Home School book for all three websites.

Children should practise their spellings online, ready for a spelling test on a **Friday**.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day -filled only with water!

Thank you for your continued support, it is much appreciated! Mrs Zeidan and Miss Whiteland