

Dear parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a great Christmas and a good rest over the holidays. The children achieved really well last term and have begun this week really well. I am looking forward to helping them make more progress this term.

Here is the curriculum we will be learning this half term.

### English

In our writing work, we will be reading The Pied Piper of Hamelin. We will take part in role-play and use this to write letters. We will be learning how to use paragraphs and write an information report on rats. We will then plan and write our own similar myth. We will explore the poems of Robert Louis Stevenson, learning some by heart and then writing poems using rhyming couplets.

### Maths

We will be concentrating on written and mental multiplication and division. We will recap how to multiply and divide and the 2 and 5 times table. We will then move on to learning the 3, 4 and 8 times table. We will then move onto counting money, converting money from pounds to pence and vice versa and adding and subtracting money. We will then move on to measurements where we will measure lengths and compare equivalent measurements in mm, cm and m.

### R.E.

This term we will be thinking about 'Jesus who changes people's lives' and 'Joy, Sadness, Joy' in the run up to Easter.

## **Year 3 Spring Term Tomb Raiders, Pharaohs and Pyramids**

### Key Vocabulary

Pyramid	Sarcophagus
	Hieroglyphics
Mummification	Rosetta Stone
Tutankhamun	

### P.E.

We will be continuing with gymnastics on Tuesdays, putting together sequences and incorporating apparatus. We will also be learning and performing a dance with a teacher from Ludus Dance school on Wednesdays.

### Science

We will be thinking about forces in terms of pushes and pulls, moving on to investigate magnetism as a force that does not require contact. We investigate which materials are magnetic and carry out several investigations including testing the strength of different magnets. After half term we are looking at 'Light and Shadows' including identifying light sources and exploring how we need light in order to be able to see. We investigate shadows as the absence of light and explore how these differ in terms of size and colour.

### History

We will be learning about the Ancient Egyptians civilisation. We will be learning about Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb, we will translate and write hieroglyphics and learn about ancient Egyptian beliefs in the afterlife before finding out how and why people were mummified.

### Art/D.T.

We will be learning about printing and patterns this half term. We will be studying the works of William Morris, Henri Matisse, Wassily Kandinsky, Robert Dulchany as well as Keith Haring and Banksy. After half term, we will be investigating packaging and how it is made for specific products. We will then design and make some packaging for an imaginary product.

### Computing

We will be learning about computer simulations and how accurate to real life they are. After half term, we will be programming using Scratch to animate a sprite.

### Music

We will be listening to and learning about Reggae music, particularly focusing on the Bob Marley song Three Little Birds. We will be learning to sing and performing the song.

### PSHE

We will learn about keeping safe by learning about risks and dangers. We will also be learning about spending and saving money.