



# Year 3 Spring Term 1 Newsletter



**Happy New Year! Welcome back to school for the first half of the spring term.**

I hope you all had a relaxing break over Christmas and that you were able to take part in lots of festive fun. Parents & carers, please feel free to see me before or after school if you need help with anything. \*Miss Jones\*

## Class Dojo

It is so important that pupils are logging in to Class Dojo regularly so they can complete and upload a photo of their homework every week. However, please refrain from sending messages over Class Dojo as the message function is not currently checked regularly. Submitting homework over Class Dojo is just one way that pupils can earn points and rewards. How many Dojo points can you earn this half term?

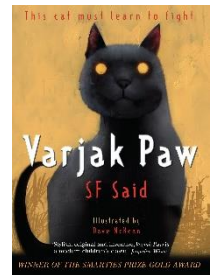


**Maths** In maths, we will be covering the Year 3 objectives for multiplication and division as well as money and statistics. This will include learning to:

- recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables
- write and calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division using the multiplication tables that they know, including for two-digit numbers times one-digit numbers, using mental and progressing to formal written methods
- solve problems, including missing number problems, involving multiplication and division, including positive integer scaling problems
- add and subtract amounts of money to give change, using both £ and p in practical contexts
- interpret and present data in different ways
- solve one-step and two-step questions [for example, 'How many more?' and 'How many fewer?'] using information presented in scaled bar charts and pictograms and tables

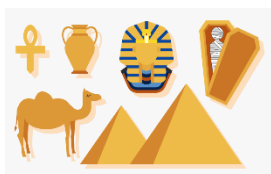
**English** Our class text this half term is *Varjak Paw* by S. F. Said. We will use this text to develop our reading, comprehension and writing skills.

*Varjak Paw is a pampered pet cat who knows there's more to life. His family tease him and don't understand his adventurous spirit. He is soon forced to venture beyond the garden wall to save his family from the mysterious and dangerous 'gentleman' and his two evil hench-cats. This modern adventure story considers what it is like to be persecuted for coming from a different culture, and how to find strength in the wisdom that is passed down from our ancestors.*



**Home reading** Please ensure your child is reading their school reading book at least three times a week at home. As well as this, reading for pleasure is just as important, so feel free to enjoy lots of stories and books with your child in addition to this just for fun!

## Humanities: History



This half term, Year 3 will learn about the achievements of one of the most fascinating early civilizations...

...the Ancient Egyptians!

**RE** Our RE topic for this half term is called, 'What can we learn about Christian worship and beliefs by visiting churches?' In this unit of work, Year 3 will visit St Luke's church to explore how Christians use symbols and actions to express beliefs and feelings.



## Science

In science, we will learn about animals including humans. The pupils will learn about the seven food groups and why our bodies need different nutrients. We will also learn how humans and some other animals use their skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.



**PSHE and RSHE** Year 3 will be exploring media literacy and digital resilience this half term. We will consider how the internet can be used positively for leisure, school and work and we will learn strategies to recognise whether what we see online is accurate.

**Creativity** We will link our learning in creativity to our topic work, for example by creating our own papyrus paper just like the Ancient Egyptians would have done. We will also explore our science topic in creativity and will use artefacts such as animal bones to develop our sketching skills in the style of Georgia O'Keeffe.

## Some key dates and events for your diary

Swimming lessons - Monday 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> January  
RE visit to St Luke's church\*

Science workshop with ZooLab in school\*

\* Dates and further details to be confirmed.