



HIGHGATE

PRIMARY SCHOOL

17th January 2022

Dear parents,

Year 3 Class Newsletter Spring 1

Welcome back to the New Year. We hope that you have had a relaxing and enjoyable break. Your children have certainly come back rested, bouncy and enthusiastic, which is lovely to see.

Topic

Our new topic this half term is Treasures of Ancient Egypt, which explores the civilisation of Ancient Egypt through the study of archaeology. Every year we find this topic is very popular with the children. We have already immersed them in it by making Egyptian jewellery, meeting a 'real life' pharaoh and thinking deeply about what life was like for people in this ancient world. Later in the half term, we will use the cookery studio to make Egyptian unleavened bread and an early form of humus, and we will visit both the Petrie Museum of Ancient Archaeology and the British Museum. We will discuss, in an age appropriate way, the ethics of the excavation and retention of ancient treasures in modern museum collections. Please see the key dates section below for details of our trips and of our class assemblies, which are coming up shortly!

English – Writing

In English this half term the children will be exploring and composing shape poems (calligrams) before moving on to writing their own adventure and mystery stories set in Ancient Egypt.

To fill your children's heads with great vocabulary, story ideas and to extend their background knowledge, we suggest you look at the Books for Topics website: <https://www.booksfortopics.com/ancient-egypt> It has great suggestions for both novels and non-fiction books that you could borrow or buy for your child. They also have a good booklist of recommended books for children in Year 3: <https://www.booksfortopics.com/year-3>

English - Reading

Please do read at home with your child for at least 20 minutes every day. It is very helpful if you talk to your child about their understanding of what they are reading, and if you ask them deeper questions about what is going on 'between the lines'. Please find attached some suggestions for high-level inference questions that are great for getting children thinking.

Maths

We will be continuing to work on multiplication and division before moving on to learn about money and statistics. At the moment we are focusing on the 8 times table (up to 8×12). Please support your child by quizzing them often and ensuring that they use the TTRockstars website on a daily basis. The software automatically moves your child on to the next level of difficulty. So, if the calculations seem too easy, encourage your child to play more to reach a more challenging level!



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Key Dates

Wednesday 19 th January	Trip to Petrie Museum
Friday 21st January 9:30am	3NL Class Assembly
Friday 28 th January. 9:30am	3LG Class Assembly
Date to be confirmed	Trip to the British Museum

Please do let us know if you have any questions, large or small. Either catch us in the playground at the end of the day, or if you would like a longer conversation, email us to set up a meeting or a phone call.

Best wishes,

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