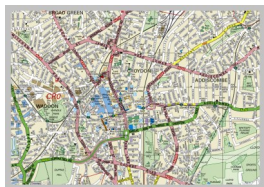


Farnborough Primary School

AUTUMN TERM — YEAR THREE 2023-24



Welcome Back!

We hope you all enjoyed a relaxing Summer break and the children are all excited to be back at school, starting a new, fun-filled and action packed year in Year 3!

We are very excited about teaching all of your wonderful children and we are looking forward to all our learning adventures together.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Cheeseman, Miss Pattison & Miss Osman

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 4th September — Meet the Teacher for parents at 9am

Tuesday 10th September— Swimming lessons start

Wednesday 11th September—Whole School Author visit.

Monday 23rd September—Individual School Photos.

Week commencing 9th October — Parents' Evenings

Monday 18th November—British Museum

Wednesday 27th November—The Lion King theatre trip



Topics – Settlements & Ancient Egypt

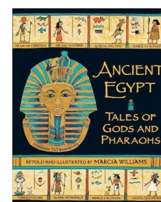
Our big questions in topic are: Where do people live and why?
Why are we still learning from the Ancient Egyptians?

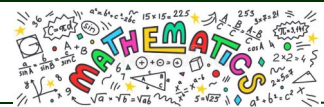
We will begin the year with children exploring different types of settlements. They will gain an understanding as to why settlements have developed over time and the resources needed for a settlement to thrive. They will compare their own local area to another part of the world to understand what is the same and what is different.

The children will learn why the ancient Egyptians settled around the Nile and investigate the pyramids of Egypt, finding out why they were built and their purpose. They will learn about the discovery of the Tutankhamun's tomb and what the finds tell us about his life. The children will learn about the mummification process and what the Ancient Egyptians thought would happen in the afterlife. We shall try to work out details of people's daily lives by interpreting the fragments of evidence that have survived. We also have a trip planned to the British Museum.

Reading

Reading books will be sent home every Tuesday and will need to be returned by the following Monday.



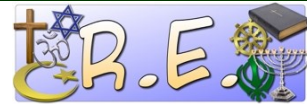


As **writers**, we will look at a variety of genres, analysing their key features and writing our own versions. We will be focusing on describing settings and characters in fiction writing, and explanations and instructions in non-fiction work.

As **mathematicians**, we shall recap place value then practise addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Our times table focus will be on the 3 and 4 tables and we will continue to consolidate 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Opportunities to learn through problem solving and reasoning activities will be integral through topics.

As **Scientists**, we will be focusing on 'Forces and Magnets.' Our Big question is: How do forces work? We will look at forces including gravity and friction as well testing which metals are magnetic. In our light topic we will learn about how we see objects. Thinking about how different objects reflect light. Using this to help us stay safe in the dark.

As **researchers**, we will be learning how to research safely and effectively when using search engines. This will help us when we use the internet for learning. We shall learn how to best present the information we have collected. We will also learn about computer networks and start to think about how they work.

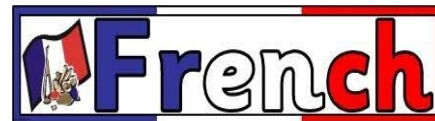


As **musicians**, we will be learning the djembe drums and singing different songs and focusing on what makes a good performance.

During our PSHE lessons we will be thinking about our thoughts and feelings and how they are important to us. We will also be thinking out our relationships with others.

We will begin the year thinking about God as the creator. Children will gain a greater understanding of monotheism, looking at the beliefs of a number of religions. In the second half of term, the children will focus in on Judaism and the importance of the Torah.

As **athletes** we will be developing our swimming skills. We will be developing our ball skills, attacking and defending through football and tag rugby.



It would be fantastic if you could continue to support your child with daily reading, learning number bonds/multiplication tables. Games involving counting and spellings/vocabulary are a fun way to support your child's understanding.

As **artists**, we will be drawing in shades and tones using charcoal. Some art lessons will be linked to our topic, such as creating Egyptian necklaces, As **designers** we shall be cooking using seasonable fruit and vegetables.

Year 3 is the first year where you will be learning French. As **linguists**, we will be learning some basic words in French, such as simple classroom instructions, greeting others and our numbers to 10.

Here are a few recommended authors for Year 3 children:

- Andy Shepherd
- Adam Blade
- Jill Murphy
- Cressida Cowell
- Michael Rosen

There are more recommended authors on our school website.