

Belton Lane Community Primary School

Year 3 Spring Term Curriculum Letter: Welcome back to 3HS and 3K!

Please ensure that your child brings their folder to school every day. They have been given a folder in which to keep their Maths homework book, Spelling book, Reading book and diary. We are in the process of reviewing the children's reading level and you may find that your child brings a different colour reading level home over the next couple of weeks.

Topic: Ancient Egypt

Literacy: We will be exploring poetry, fiction and non-fiction texts over the term. We are starting term by exploring senses poetry based on the theme of winter. We will investigate texts such as 'James and The Giant Peach'. We will continue to focus on grammar, punctuation and handwriting. We are learning the New Curriculum Year 3/4 spelling list as well as investigating spelling rules and patterns. There will be daily activities in Guided Reading including reading tasks and comprehension skills.

Numeracy: We will be covering Fractions/Measures/Statistics/Number/Calculations—Addition/Subtraction/Multiplication/Division. We will continue to work on our multiplication tables and the quick recall of the x facts. We will have a weekly word problem/challenge session where we will apply our Maths skills. We will send home a short task based on our Maths topic each week.

RE—We will be investigating 'Journeys' in our assemblies

Science: We will be investigating Light in spring 1 and Animals in spring 2.

PE: Our PE sessions are gym and REAL PE activities.

Children should bring their PE kit to school every Monday and take it home every Friday.

Please ensure that earrings are removed on PE days.

3K have PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

3HS have PE on Wednesdays and Mondays.

Art and Design: In Art, we will be exploring and making canopic jars using clay. In DT we will investigate pop-up story books. We will use the process of design, make and evaluate.

Computing: We will use ICT to support our work throughout the curriculum. We will focus on E-safety and using ICT responsibly.

Music—We will learn how to play the recorder. We will focus on rhythmical patterns, composing music and using notation.

Spelling Homework: Children are given differentiated spellings every Monday to learn at home throughout the week. These words are based on our spelling focus in class. There will be a test every Friday. The skill of knowing how to use the word in context within a sentence is as important as spelling the word correctly!

History: We will be looking at life in Ancient Egypt and use clues to uncover the past.

Maths Homework— Maths homework will be sent home twice a week. One piece will be focused on our topic maths and the second piece will be linked to the multiplication tables. Maths homework needs to be returned the next day as it will be marked with the children in the lesson.

Reading Homework—Your child's home/school diary should act as their reading record. It is expected that children read regularly at home each week. The expectation is that the child writes date, title, chapter or page numbers. Children can read by themselves—parents/carers do not always need to read with their child every time! Children will also have the opportunity to choose a book from the school library. This may be at a slightly higher level than their usual reading book but it is a book that could be shared together at home.