

## YEAR 3 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 1

Welcome to Year 3! We hope that you had a wonderful summer break and feel refreshed to begin our new academic year.

This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are really looking forward to working with you and your children this year.

The Year 3 Team.



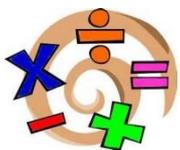
**Topic** - Our topic for this term is Ancient Egyptians! We will be researching and exploring the Ancient Egyptians, including their way of life, their environment and artefacts e.g. the pyramids, mummification, Egyptian Gods, famous Egyptians and the River Nile.



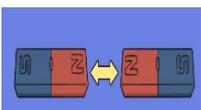
**English** - This term in English, we will begin by focusing on 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers. This beautifully illustrated book will be the starting point for year 3 this year and conveys some thought-provoking ideas about our planet Earth.

We will then read some topic related fiction beginning with Cinderella in the Nile with its wonderfully illustrated version of the traditional story Cinderella. We will be using these books to help develop children's writing skills within the context of retells, fiction, and writing newspaper reports, as well as exploring character descriptions and writing diary entries, using engaging and interesting language.

To support children in their developing literacy skills, we will continue to do daily comprehension, reading and spelling activities. We are also continuing regular handwriting to encourage pride in presentation.



**Maths** - Our first focus of the year will be on number and place value, then addition, subtraction, shape, multiplication and division. In mental maths we will be working on our Mental Maths skills for our Maths Rockets, which will need to be practised at home.



**Science** - In science, we will be introducing the topic of Forces and Magnets. Children will work scientifically to carry out different tests, asking questions, recording data and explaining what they found out.



**PE** - Kits need to come into school every Monday and taken home every Friday. Each kit should include; trainers, socks, a white t-shirt, navy or black shorts and joggers.

