

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a lovely holiday and are excited to get to know your children and welcome them into Year 3. This year our class name is The Ready Rockets. We cannot wait for the busy half term ahead of us.

Below is information which we hope will be helpful to you:

PE

Our PE days are **Mondays** and **Tuesdays** however please make sure your child has their PE kit in school every day as they may need a change of clothes for active sessions later in the week.

Forest School

We are all really excited as it is time for Year Three to take part in Forest School sessions with Mrs Trotter this half term! Forest School sessions will be **every Friday**, please can you ensure that your child has suitable footwear (preferably wellies) and a coat on those days. The class will be split into two smaller teams and will take part in Forest School sessions every alternate week.

Outdoor learning

There is no such thing as bad weather, only inappropriate clothing! At The Ellis we are working hard to develop the outdoor environment and opportunities to learn outside and in Y3 we will be using our outdoor classroom and wider school environment as much as possible. This means that your child will need appropriate footwear and coats every day. Indoor pumps will be needed in school to protect our classrooms from the inevitable mud!

Reading Books

Your child may have already brought home a reading book to share with you at home, or they may have a book that they are reading at home. Please record in their reading diary when they have read to an adult or maybe an older sibling. We ask that reading diaries are in your child's book bag every day so that we can fill them in when they have taken part in reading in school. If reading diaries are filled then we will send home a second diary free of charge, however if it is lost then we ask that a new one is bought from the office at the cost of £1. Your child is welcome to change their book any day of the week when they have completed it but it is their responsibility to ensure books are changed regularly. Children should aim to read at home at least 3 times per week and dojos will be awarded for reading.

Spelling books

The children are once again receiving spelling books. They will write in their new spellings on a **Thursday** and bring their book home to practise. Please support your child in learning their spellings. They will be regularly assessed in their spellings on a **Thursday**.

Home Learning

Each half term, children are expected to complete a home learning project linked to our topic. We are always intrigued to see what our superstars have been up to! Once they have completed their project or projects (as some children prefer to do a few shorter projects, whilst others like to complete one long one), please send them into school so we can share their learning with the class. (Photos or PowerPoints can be

emailed to Mrs Fiddes and will be passed onto Year 3 staff to share). Please encourage your child to take pride in their home learning and aim for a quality piece that may have taken a few sessions to complete.

Online learning

Children are encouraged to be regularly practising spellings, time tables and areas of the curriculum online. As a school we have subscribed to websites to support the children with their learning. The children will be given their individual logins for TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed. Please support your child with their learning on these platforms. If logins have been misplaced I can issue new ones.

Topmarks maths is also a fantastic website for the children to be practising all areas of the maths curriculum using interactive games.

Our new topic is the Ancient Egyptians and below is an overview of the learning we will be doing this half term. Some home learning ideas are below:

- Explore the differences between daily life now and in Ancient Egyptian times.
- Research Egyptian landmarks and make models.
- Look at the map of Egypt and label key landmarks and cities.
- Find out about traditional Egyptian food and cook a meal for your family.
- Write a list of 10 questions you would like to ask a person living in Egypt and research the answers.
- Find out about an Egyptian celebration and present.
- Practise and act out the mummification process
- Write an Egypt travel guide or brochure.

RE, PSHCE

Our enquiry in RE will be 'Would celebrating Diwali at home and in the community bring a sense of belonging to a Hindu child?'
In PSHE our topics are Being Responsible and Computer Safety.

PE

PE will be taught on Monday and Tuesday.
-Mrs Beever
- Miss Cook

Maths

The children will begin by recapping number and place value.
In Shape, Space and Measure will be looking at length and perimeter.

English

Literacy will link to our topic. We will use the video Tadeo Jones and the book Marcy and the Sphinx to support our lessons. We will cover diary writing, instructions, adventure stories and sentence structure.

Art, DT, Music

Children will create Egyptian Shadufs in DT.
In music, children will follow the Y3 Charanga curriculum.

Topic

Pharaohs and Pyramids



ICT

We will use our iPads and computers to research and support topic learning. We will also cover e-safety.

Science - Rocks and Soils

We will be looking at what rocks are, the different types of rocks and how rocks are formed. We will also look at the structure of the Earth.

Geography

Children will be using maps and atlases to learn about the continents and in particular Africa and Egypt. We will be look at the different climates and why the River Nile is so important to daily life.

History

We will be looking at what life was like in Ancient Egyptian times. We will focus on the pharaohs, pyramids, mummification and daily life.

Role play, drama, visit, experience

Role play will be taught through drama and literacy. We will use interviews, hot seating and acting out characters to improve our writing.

If you have any questions, queries or worries then please get in touch via the phone or email.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

The Y3 Team

(Miss Cook, Miss Beresford and Mrs Law)