

## Literacy –

To begin literacy this year, we will be looking at the book 'Famous Five on a Treasure Island'. In this unit, we will be working on describing settings and characters and using speech to bring our characters to life.

A big focus right from the outset, will be on upscaling and improving sentences so that we are being exciting and dynamic in our use of language.

Linking to our Egypt topic, we will follow this unit by looking at instructions for how to wrap a mummy before looking at biographies before the Christmas break.

**Tips for home:** Look at sharing one of the other Famous Five books as a bedtime story.

## Science –

Term 1 – Food for thought!

Year 3s will start their science this year by thinking about what it takes to stay healthy. Lessons will include a look at the different types of food and why we need them, our skeletons and our muscles. It is a very fun and active unit.



In term 2 our focus will switch to rocks and minerals. Children often enjoy this unit looking at gems and precious stones and considering how many rocks are formed by volcanic activity.

**Tips for home:** Collect the traffic light food labels from 1-2 packets a week and bring in.

## Music -

Banging on those bongos! Every other Friday, the music specialist – Mr Garcia – will be introducing the Year 3s to increasingly complex beats and rhythms as they work together to create music.



## Numeracy –

In maths, we will make sure we strengthen our understanding of place value as we add and subtract amounts of hundreds, tens and ones. We will then use materials as we begin to understand adding and subtracting up to 3-digit numbers in columns. We will also start learning and applying the x3, x4 and x8 tables by Christmas.

Mrs Fergusson will be focusing on 2d and 3d shapes with the class on Friday mornings.

**Tips for home:** Have a go at breaking down cereal boxes to see their shape nets or try to build your own 3d shapes using card or Lego.



## PE –

Please keep a PE kit in school every day. As it is now Autumn, each PE kit should include a thicker top with long sleeves and trousers as well as the usual kit. We will aim to be outside when possible.

With pleasure, we can announce that swimming will recommence on Wednesday afternoons at the Calne Alpha Leisure Centre – start date 15<sup>th</sup> September. In school, term 1 will be about working together to create dance patterns and term 2 will be hockey.



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A very warm welcome to Year 3!

I am very excited to be teaching you all and I look forward to meeting all the parents soon too.

This first term we are heading about 5,000 years back in time to the times of the pharaohs. It is going to be exciting as we look at how this great civilization thrived.

A few general notes:

### Celebration Assemblies are back!

On Fridays, families will be invited to share with the school as we celebrate the children's successes together. Please feel free to send in awards from home. We will try to let you know on Thursdays whether your child will be receiving a school award in the assembly.

**Spellings and times tables –** Spellings will come home with homework every week. Please practise them as there will be a weekly test towards the end of each week. It would also be fantastic if you could practise the x3 table at home in this first term.

**Homework –** will come home every Friday and will need to be handed back in by the following Wednesday.

Please come and talk with me if there is anything that you'd like to share or would like help with. I will do my best to work alongside you so that Year 3 is very positive for all.

Mr Rumley

### DT and art –

The pop art of Britto Romero will start as our art focus in Year 3. Romero exhibited some of his work around a pyramid in Hyde Park so this links neatly with our Egypt topic. Pop art is fun and has bright bold colours and patterns, so it is an engaging style for many children.

**Tips for home:** Have a look at some of Romero's art using a search-engine. Perhaps children would like to have a go at some on their own.

For DT, we will have loads of messy, sloppy fun when we bring out the Modroc (plaster cast material) as we look to create our very own Canopic jars as used by the Ancient Egyptians to store various body parts...eeuucck!



### Religious Education –

RE will commence with some BIG discussions about the Creation of the World as the Bible account reveals it. We will discuss the beauty of the world, but also look at what has happened and what is our responsibility in this world in which we live.

**Tips for home:** Discuss the world and its beauty as you watch nature documentaries at home if the chance arises.

Before Christmas, we will also look at the Hindu festival of Diwali.



### PSHE-

Theme: Our Happy School

We will be considering how we can create a happy and collaborative learning environment. We will create some ground rules for PSHE sessions and talk about why they are needed.

The children will have the opportunity to discuss their likes and dislikes and use their listening skills to find out about their peers.

We will also learn about road safety.



### History and geography -

Walk like an Egyptian!

Yes, we are going back in time to a dry, dusty land full of huge temples, bustling markets and – of course – the pyramids. So, what was life like back in Egypt five thousand years ago? Was there anything back then that is similar to how we live? What did they believe? What did they eat? How did they dress?

We will look to answer all these questions and more as we head into the land of the pharaohs!

**Tips for home:** There are some great websites about Ancient Egypt for children. DK Find Out are often good – this is no exception:

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/ancient-egypt/>

### Information technology –

At the start of the year, we will be reminding children of good practice to stay safe in an increasingly online world.

We will look at screen-time and also discuss tips to keep passwords safe. We will talk about what to do if you feel worried about something you've seen online.



### French –

Bienvenue tout le monde!

Year 3 is the start of learning a foreign language at Holy Trinity. What a wonderful thing it is to be able to communicate with different people all over the world!

This term, we will start by learning to introduce ourselves and count to 10.

We will then build on this to talk about our families a little.

