

Class 3

The Bliss Charity School



Term 4



Dear parents/carers,

We hope you had a lovely half term holiday! This term, Class 3 leave the freezing ice and travel back in time some 5,000 years to the amazing world of Ancient Egypt! Pupils will become mini Egyptologists as they delve into the world of this mysterious and fascinating ancient civilisation.

Mrs. Byrne and Mrs. East



Term 4 Topic: *Ancient Egypt*



This term, Class 3 will explore the lives of the Ancient Egyptians. They will start by becoming tomb raiders, negotiating their way through Egyptian tombs, using hieroglyphics to crack codes and escape!

In literacy lessons, the children will be studying the fascinating text *'Ma'At's Feather'* by Juliet Desailly where they will step into the story and use drama to help create some fantastic pieces of writing. They will also write instructions for the mummification process.

In art and DT, the children will be creating a range of frontalism masterpieces inspired by art found in Ancient Egyptian tombs, and use clay to design and create their very own sarcophagus.

In humanities, the children will learn about the daily lives, jobs, religion and society in Ancient Egypt. They will build on their historical enquiry skills as they use artefacts to answer questions about this period. Pupils will also research the achievements of this ancient civilisation. Finally, pupils will look at different sources and use these to understand how different versions of the past may exist and why this might be.

Our science unit for Term 4 is 'Light'. The children will use hands-on investigations to recognise they need light in order to see things and that light is reflected from surfaces. They will also recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by a solid object and investigate the way that the size of shadows change depending on the position of the light source.

In music, as well as continuing with our Charanga music scheme, we will be listening and responding to some Egyptian music. This will link in with our Egyptian dance that children will be choreographing in PE.

Other subjects ...

Numeracy: The children will start the term by looking at data handling. We will then be learning new skills such as solving missing number problems and balancing number sentences. The children will also be revisiting and expanding their knowledge and experience of fractions, place value and the four operations.

RE: Islam – The children will be introduced to the beliefs and practices of the Islamic faith, including learning about the significance of the 5 pillars of Islam.

Helping your child at home ...

Spellings: We will continue to send spellings home on Fridays and test them on the following Friday. All spellings are taken from the Year 3/4 National Curriculum.

Times tables: The children will continue to be tested on their times tables and related divisions facts every Friday. By the end of Year 3 it is expected that children should know the multiplication and division facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables.

Reading records: In order to gain their reading sticker, the children need to be reading five times a week. We will continue to check the reading records on Tuesday mornings. If the reading record is not in school or has not been handed in for any reason, we will check it the following Tuesday and we will make sure we count the missing week.

Homework: Every week, the children are expected to learn the times tables and spellings they have been given. In addition, they will have a piece of Maths homework to complete (this may be on MyMaths) – this will be set each Friday.

Class 3 information ...

World Book Day – Thursday 3rd March. Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

Film Night – Thursday 24th March (see separate letter for more information about this).

PE – PE kits, including warm outdoor clothing and trainers, will need to be in school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.