



## Year 3 Spring Term News 2024



Dear Year 3 Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! It has been fantastic to be back as our Year 3 team. The children have made a very positive start to the term and are becoming increasingly more independent.

Our main topic this term will be the **Ancient Egyptians** which the children are thoroughly enjoying.

Here is an overview of our subject focuses for the term:

**PHSE/JIGSAW:** We are continuing to follow the JIGSAW scheme of work. Throughout this term we will be covering; celebrating differences, goals and dreams, and healthy me. In these sessions we will explore how we are all different, our ambitions and how to overcome obstacles and conflicts and finally how to keep ourselves fit and healthy. As always, these sessions will include mindfulness exercises and circle time.

**English** - We are continuing to use Hampshire writing as our scheme of learning for literacy. We will be using exciting texts as our stimulus for our spoken language, reading and writing development. Within each learning journey the children will learn to read and write for a range of purposes. We are currently working towards writing our own narrative and next we will be looking at writing instructions based on the mummification process of Ancient Egypt. The children have made great progress since moving up to year 3 in September. To further out love of reading, we have introduced a new guided reading scheme, we also have our class novel which is *The Witches* by Roald Dahl. We will be sending reading folders home with a levelled reading book and reading diary. These will need to come in each day, so that your child can be read with. Please ensure that you listen to your child read each night.

**Maths** - Throughout the term we will continue to use the 'Maths no Problem' scheme. This scheme is based on extensive research of how pupils learn new concepts initially using concrete examples, such as counters, then progress to drawing pictorial representations before finally using more abstract symbols to explore and record their work in number sentences. Lessons and activities are designed to be taught using problem solving approaches to encourage pupils' higher-level thinking. This term we will initially explore multiplication and division extensively before covering length, mass and volume in measure. Please continue to support your child in accessing their online 'Times Table Rock Stars' account (if you require their password and usernames please don't hesitate to ask). Learning a rapid recall of times table facts is essential in a child's mathematical progress. To support this we have introduced a new timetable system to help with fluency of timetables.

**Science** - This half term the children will focus on the topic of 'animals including humans'. During the second half term we will be exploring the topic 'forces'.

**Physical Education** - This term our PE sessions are on a **Thursday and Friday** and will continue to be run by Jersey Sport. Sessions will continue to focus on a range of physical literacy skills that the children need to develop to enjoy and play a range of sports. Working as a team and fitness will also be a focus. Please ensure that the children are in their full Grands Vaux PE kit for both these days.

**Computing** - This half term, the children are becoming film director. We are using a stop motion programme to create our own films. Next half term we will be looking at data and how to create our own databases.

**Art, Design and Technology:** In art we are focusing on painting. Starting with the basics of primary and secondary colours before moving onto shade, tone and complimentary colours. The children will be using the skills learnt to create a final painting.



**History and Geography** - During this topic the children will become researches, reporters, mummies, Pharaohs and tomb raiders! We will be using geographical skills in our map work and historical skills through our research. The class will also be using our exciting resource 'Inspire Education' to enter an online world steeped in Ancient Egyptian history. The children have enjoyed exploring the scenes in our resource "Inspire Education".

**RE** - Throughout this term, we will continue to learn all about religions and cultures. This half term the children will be exploring the festivals and family of Jewish people. After the half term break we will be investigating the kind of world Jesus wanted

**Music** - This half term we will have the fantastic opportunity of a music teacher coming to teach us music.

**Trips** - We will be going on a variety of trips throughout the year to ensure learning gets out of the classroom.

**Home - Learning-** We will be introducing reading folders each. These reading folders will contain a levelled reading book and diary. They will be sent home each day and need to be brought back the following morning. Please ensure that the books are being read each day and the diary signed with a comment. We will be doing the same in class. I cannot reiterate enough the importance of children practising their reading daily at home in order for them to achieve their potential in all curriculum areas. We do still expect the children to be accessing TT Rockstars to practice their timetables. Each half term, I upload an activity bingo for the children to complete over the holidays.

**Other** - Please ensure your child's name is on their water bottle and school uniform.

Your child's well-being and development is always at the centre of my concern, so please do not hesitate to contact me on [b.lemonnier@grandsvaux.sch.je](mailto:b.lemonnier@grandsvaux.sch.je). I look forward to another successful term working with you and your child,

Best wishes

Miss Lemonnier

