

Dear Parents,

We would like to wish you all a belated Happy New Year and to say a big thank you for all the cards and gifts that we received at Christmas. We were all overwhelmed by your generosity. It has been an unsteady start to the year, still battling with Covid cases, but things are looking up with most children back in school now – fingers crossed we are through the worst of it and we can continue with the term smoothly.

We have another busy term ahead and this letter is to let you know the main areas of work that we will be covering.

In Literacy we will be reading *The Egyptian Cinderella* by Shirley Climo and *Varjak Paw* by S.F Said. Work will include related fiction writing focusing on settings, characters and plot and non-narrative reports. Non-fiction texts will be linked to our history topic on the Ancient Egyptians. We will also be using dictionaries and thesauri.

In Numeracy we are continuing to deepen our understanding in the mastery maths approach by strengthening our number bonds to 1000 and learning our times tables. We will be working with 2 and 3-digit numbers, fractions, statistics, measuring length and solving problems involving money.

Our Science topic for the first half of term is 'Light and Darkness' with the second half of the term focusing on 'Forces'.

This term, our Geography topic to investigate UK cities, comparing and contrasting their features, looking at how cities have developed over time whilst upskilling our map skills.

Please remember that your child will be doing a whole term of weekly swimming. Orange class swim on a Tuesday, Purple class on a Wednesday. This will continue until we break up for Easter.

Weekly homework will consist of time tables practise using the TT Rockstars programme. We will also be doing weekly tests on specific times tables, focussing on the 3, 4 and 8 tables which the Hit the Button online App is particularly useful for. By the end of year 3 the expectation is that all children are fluent in their 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Spellings will be sent home in the reading record each week for your child to study. These spellings will be tested on a Monday, and new ones sent home each week. In addition to Tables practise and spellings we would expect all children to be changing their reading books regularly.

Open Evenings will be later on in the term. These are **10 minute** appointments to allow us to update you on your child's progress and to allow you to ask any questions. If we feel that more time is needed, we will suggest making an alternative appointment. We will continue to use Dojo as means of communication for reminders and notices.

Please can we remind you that we ask that all children bring their book bag, reading book and water bottle to school every day, and that all belongings are **clearly named**. Our current PE day is Wednesday.

We thank you for your continued support and interest.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Hunter and Mrs Bennett