

Friday 27th March 2015

Year 3 Spring Term 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had an action packed 5 week term, here is a quick look at what we have been up to:



Maths - Over the past few weeks we have been looking at mental and written strategies for multiplication and division, identifying equivalent fractions and ordering fractions. This week we have been looking at statistics, involving interpreting Venn diagrams, Carroll diagrams, pictograms and bar charts. We are increasingly trying to apply our mental and written methods to other areas, such as solving problems within statistics, measure and money. Please keep practising your times tables, using money and telling the time over Easter.

Literacy - We started the term looking at Ancient Egyptian Gods and myths. This involved designing our own Gods, creating character profiles and finishing with creating an Egyptian God Top Trumps card. Each child made a Top Trumps card which was then copied several times to create packs of Ancient Egyptian God Top Trumps which all have enjoyed playing with. More recently we have been reading Anne Fine's, 'The Diary of a Killer Cat' focussing on the language used by the sarcastic and humorous Tuffy, using this as inspiration to write our own diary entries.

Science - Our topic of 'Animals, Including Humans' has continued this half term. We have classified animals through diet and skeleton, improving scientific vocabulary along the way. More recently we have investigated how exercise affects the body, particularly heart rate and pulse.

Topic - Sadly, our Ancient Egyptian project has now come to an end. We have had a wonderful time discovering what daily life was like, what the Ancient Egyptians wore, how the River Nile was the life source of the country, farming and the seasons. The children enjoyed mummifying their toys and are now experts in the embalming and wrapping process. We even tried out some Egyptian recipes that we got to taste. Thank you to all for the wide variety of artefacts and books you brought in to show us, we will safely return them to you.

Swimming - The children have now finished swimming for the year. They have all made huge progress with water confidence, technique and stamina. Swimming is a life skill which we hope you will continue to support with regular visits to the swimming pool, especially over the Easter holidays!



Spring Breakfast - A big thank you and well done to all of Year 3 for putting on a wonderful performance of The Easter Story as part of The Spring Breakfast. The children delivered their lines with confidence, sang with enthusiasm and acted convincingly. Thank you to all with support with learning lines, we had limited rehearsal times so we really wouldn't have managed to put on such a good show without you.

[British Museum](#) - The class had an interesting time looking at the fascinating artefacts whilst at The British Museum. There was a vast selection of Ancient Egyptian sarcophagus', mummies', Canopic jars and other amazing treasures to view. This really brought our topic to life and inspired some of the detailed artwork we have gone on to create.

[Topic Exhibition](#) - As we have created such an amazing selection of Ancient Egyptian artwork we have decided to team up with Year 4 and host a topic exhibition on 22nd April, where all parents and carers will be invited in to view the work. We will be in touch with more information after Easter.

[Thank you and Good Luck](#) - Our thanks, as ever, go to Miss Lubna and Mrs Asmar for their committed support with the children. We are also very grateful to Erisa's mum who regularly listens to readers from both classes and Michael's mum who comes in to play maths games with children from both classes. If you feel you could support in any way, please get in touch as we'd love to have your skills. We wish Mrs Murphy luck as she moves onto Year 1 to continue her teaching practice, we have loved working with you in 3H and will miss your practical sessions.

Please see the school website and class page for updates on photos of recent events.

We wish you all a relaxing and Happy Easter and look forward to seeing you after the break.

Miss Hallam & Miss Coward

Diary Dates	
22 nd April	Y3/4 Topic Exhibition
13 th May	Hyde Park Weather Station Trip
1 st June	Orange Tree Theatre Workshop
24 th June	Kew Gardens Trip

