

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015

## Year 3 Spring Term 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

This has been the busiest term so far and we have crammed so much into a few weeks. Here is a brief look at what we have been up to:

**Maths** - We have been working hard on developing quick mental calculations and at the same time have used our problem solving skills to understand a number of mathematical topics. Ask your children to give you a 3 dart problem at home. We loved the fact that the children came up with their own clever ways of making our target numbers with a variety of operations. Keep practising your times tables and telling the time over half term.

**Literacy** - The children have written a fantastic variety of stories for Screen Your Story and it has made us all think about how people with disabilities impact our lives on a daily basis. After that we moved on to writing information texts about the Ancient Egyptians. We have produced informative booklets that have been accurate and crammed packed with information about Tutankhamun. This week we have mummified our toys just like the Ancient Egyptians would using careful instructions that we have written. Also we have worked on the structure of paragraphs with Mrs Colenso.

**Science** - We have looked at different food groups and made our own food plates for a healthy balanced diet, using foods that make us 'Go, Glow and Grow'. We have also been working on why we need our skeleton to support, protect and allow movement. We have made muscles out of card and thought about how the muscles work antagonistically to help us move.

**Topic** - We have loved learning about the Ancient Egyptians and placing them in time using timelines. We have discovered facts and thought about the importance of all of them. We have re-enacted finding of Tutankhamun's tomb and thought about how Howard Carter must have felt when he found the tomb intact full of 'wondrous things'. We have also made beautiful Egyptian collar using patterns, which are now on display.

**Swimming**- The children are all growing in confidence in the pool. Some are swimming on their back for the first time, some are swimming under water for the first time and we have all tried our hand at Water Polo! Keep swimming over the holidays.

**Zoo Lab**- They introduced us to a wide variety of animals with different skeletons and muscle groups and we stroked snakes and tarantulas. We learnt about their habitat, what they eat and how they live.



RE- Passover Supper. This week we were very lucky to have had Kit's Mum and Grandma in school to explain to us the importance of the Passover Supper and the food Jews eat at that time. Most of us tried horseradish and needed a bit of grape juice to cool off!



Trips- Ice skating was a huge success. It was a beautiful sunny day and most of us stayed on our feet. By the end everybody was able to skate a little bit independently. We were disappointed that our trip to the National Gallery was cancelled due to industrial action and are looking at possibly booking in the Summer term.

Sing-Up- Each week we have our singing lesson with a professional music teacher. He is preparing us for a concert on 17<sup>th</sup> June with other local schools. If you have Annie the Musical or The Sound of Music you can practise the songs.



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

We wish you all a relaxing half term and look forward to seeing you after the break.

Miss Hallam & Miss Coward



Diary Dates	
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parents' Evening
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parents' Evening
5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
6 <sup>th</sup> March	British Museum
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Community Day