



# Classes 2 and 3 Autumn Newsletter



## Happy New Year

Welcome back to school. We hope that you had a lovely festive holiday. The children have returned looking very smart and have settled back into our routines well. We are looking forward to term of fun learning. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries about your child's learning.

## Spring Term Curriculum

Our learning will be focused on:

**Literacy:** Through the Read, Write Inc phonics Programme, we will continue to develop our reading and writing skills. In our Extended Writing lessons we will be learning how to write a suspense story about opening an ancient tomb. We will work on describing a setting using all of our senses and how a character is feeling.

**Mathematics:** We will be revisiting the ideas based around multiplication and division, with lots of practical work in making 'lots of' and sharing quantities into equal groups. After half term, we will move onto recognising simple fractions and money. We will learn to use this knowledge to solve simple problems.

**Computing:** We will revisit and develop our basic skills in looking after equipment and using it safely. We will also begin to explore the world of emails, sending and receiving emails safely within school.

**Humanities:** In our Geography, we will be learning about the role of water in our environment. We will then move on to types of weather and how the climate is changing. In History, we will be exploring the lives of the Ancient Egyptians, including the role of the pharaohs, pyramids and why they had mummies.

**PE:** We will learn to link and sequence our movements to music. We will then move on to develop our techniques to play adapted games of handball and short tennis.

**PSHCE:** We will be learning why personal hygiene is important to stay healthy. In our work on relationships, we will develop our understanding of what is and is not caring. We will also explore our responsibilities in caring for resources and personal belongings.

**RE:** Across the term we will learn about special stories, names, people, places and objects at home for Hindu and Sikh families.

**Science:** Class 2 will be developing their sorting skills by using different properties of materials and by the observations they can make. Class 3 be learning to separate mixtures, categorise materials and learn how to use scientific equipment safely.

**Art:** We will develop our drawing skills by creating Egyptian hieroglyphics on traditional papyrus paper. We will also refine our sculpture skills by using clay to make our own pyramids.

**Food:** We will explore cooking with potatoes in different ways, and revisit safe food preparation skills.

**Performing Arts:** We will use stories from Ancient Egypt to explore are own role play and to create dialogue for characters. We will then move on to 'Walk Like An Egyptian' and use the famous song to play sounds on different instruments in different ways.

## Important Information

### PE Kit and Uniform

Our PE days are **Monday** and **Wednesday**. Pupils should come to school wearing their PE kit on these days. Please ensure your child's uniform is clearly labelled. We try our best to find any lost items.

### Dates for the Diary

Half Term - 19 - 25<sup>th</sup> February

Parents Evening - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February

World Book Day - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Red Nose Day - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Easter 29<sup>th</sup> March - 15<sup>th</sup> April

**Please check your child's diary for the latest updates and information on forthcoming parent events and trips.**

### Attendance

Every day counts. If your child needs to attend a medical appointment during the day, please ensure that they return to school afterwards.

