



Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you've had a restful half term! We are looking forward to lots of exciting learning linked to our continued Ancient Egypt topic, and many additional learning opportunities each week of this shorter 5-week term! (Please see the dates below for all that is coming up!)

We are very happy to be continuing with our Year 3 Team of Mrs Halcrow (Mon-Tues), Mrs Band (Wed-Thurs), Mrs Marsden (Fri), and of course our class Teaching Assistants Mrs S James and Mrs Kanako, who work with us every day.

### **Topic**

Our focus this term will be on History objectives linked to our Ancient Egypt Topic, looking at different areas such as the pyramids, Tutankhamun and exploring what life was like in Egypt over 5,000 years ago. This will be further supported through the exploration of our English text 'Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx'. Please see the attached topic web for more details about our learning for this term. We would encourage children who speak additional languages to talk about the topic and related vocabulary in their home language too, as this is proven to be helpful with understanding in class.

### **Homework**

Homework will be set on **Friday** via Class Dojo, to be returned by the **following Friday**. As was the case in the Autumn term, the homework will consist of Doodle Maths, Spellingframe.co.uk activities and reading aloud to an adult as often as is possible. We'll continue to provide paper copies for those of you who have requested them.

### **Trips**

Year 3 have already enjoyed their Primary Connect Concert at Headington Rye this last Wednesday. They sang beautifully, building confidence with performing in front of others and working well with the other classes, in this special joint event.

As part of our topic, we are also excited to be taking a trip to the Pitt Rivers Museum on the 17<sup>th</sup> March! (Details to follow).

### **P.E. and Library days**

P.E. days are **Tuesday** (for outdoor P.E.) and **Thursday** (for indoor P.E.). Our outdoor PE lessons will happen outdoors rain or shine (excepting extreme weather conditions), so please ensure that your child has warm and/or waterproof clothing for these lessons.

The children will visit the school library on **Wednesday** afternoons; please ensure they have their library book in their book bag on that day. They are also welcome to visit the library during lunchtimes to change books.

### **Communication**

- **Urgent messages:** Please email or speak to the school office, or to a member of the leadership team at the school gate in the morning. A polite reminder to remember to let us know if somebody different is collecting your child.
- **Non-urgent messages:** You can use Class Dojo to contact us on our working days (Mrs Halcrow – Monday & Tuesdays, Mrs Band – Wednesday, Thursday & Friday). We aim to respond within 2 working days.

We operate an **open-door policy** – if you'd like to speak to a teacher or member of the leadership team, please just ask. A senior leader is usually on the gate each morning.

### Punctuality and Attendance

Throughout school, doors open at 8.40 a.m. and the register is taken at 8.50 a.m. If you arrive in school after the register has been taken, you will need to take your child to reception to register them for the day and to notify the office of your child's lunch option. Pick up time is at 3.20 p.m.

### Diary Dates

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Pre-loved world book day <b>Costume</b> sale in the playground.
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	2.30-3.00pm – Phonics talk for parents/carers led by Mrs Loveday and Mrs Arnold
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – children can dress up as a character from a book. Homemade, recycled or reused costumes are encouraged!
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Pitt Rivers Trip (Details to follow soon!)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day  2:30 start Year 3 Celebration Assembly – Parents/Carers are invited! (Please arrive by 2:20-25 to be seated).
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter service at St Andrew's Church during the school day
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent/Carer and Class teacher meetings (Please look out for the booking letter via Parent pay).
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Term ends for Easter holidays at 1.30pm for Year 3 children

Best wishes,

Mrs Band, Mrs Halcrow, Mrs Marsden, Mrs James and Mrs Kanako