



## Year 3 and 4 Newsletter

### Autumn 2023



Welcome to our **Autumn Newsletter**. We look forward to welcoming you all back after a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday!

As part of our History topic on **Ancient Egypt**, we will be learning all about life in these times, including the **River Nile**, pyramids, **everyday life** and, of course, **mummies!** We will focus on historical enquiry skills and encourage children to identify historical questions and find out the answers for themselves.



In English, we will be studying Linda Newbury's '**Lob**' in our unit '**In the Garden**' as well as Shakespeare's **A Midsummer Night's Dream** before immersing the children in a poetry unit. We will use these texts as a springboard to some amazing pieces of writing including narrative, diaries and creating our own poems!

Linking to our 'In the Garden' unit, our first science topic is **Plants** where we will be focusing on **germination and pollination**. The following half term, we will learning about what the Earth is made from in our '**Rocks and Soils**' unit.

Our music and art lessons will be linked to History as we learn about **Egyptian music** and **rhythms** and create **Egyptian 'death masks'** using modelling materials. In the second half term, we will move on to DT where children will explore **Egyptian food**. In RE we will explore Judaism by looking at **Sukkot's** and **Hanukkah**. **E-safety** is really important to us, so children will be reminded of how to stay safe online by using email and video conferencing. In **PDL**, we will be looking at **healthy relationships** and how we respect ourselves and others.

Another highlight of the term will be the **Year 3 and 4 Christmas Service**. We are looking forward to every child being involved in some way, whether its acting, reading, dancing or singing as it's a fantastic way to boost confidence as well as develop those teamwork skills. We will endeavour to let you know in plenty of time if your children need costumes.

Thank you,

The Year 3 & 4 team

#### Helping your child at home

Please continue to encourage your child to bring their reading diary in every day. They are an important record of their reading and are often used in guided reading and English sessions. Listening to your children read is really important, even for confident readers, as discussing the book helps to improve their understanding. Children need to be practicing their spellings and be learning the rules taught in class. For maths, it's a case of tables, tables, tables! Practising them in a variety of ways to encourage speed and accuracy will make maths lessons easier for your child!  
TT Rockstars and booklets.

#### Special events for Year 3 and 4

Year 3 parent open morning - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September

**A separate newsletter will be sent out with the events and dates for the Autumn term.**