

Butterflies Class

Summer Newsletter



This newsletter aims to set out the key information to be shared about this half term. We will keep you up to date on any extra information on our class page and through text messages.

Our learning in Summer 1

'Ancient Egyptians' is our exciting topic this term. We will be answering these questions:

- Who were the Ancient Egyptians?
- What are they famous for?
- What was it like to live in Ancient Egyptian times?
- And more!



English:



In English, we will be looking at both fiction and non-fiction writing. We will be writing a suspense story based on Dovedale caves. Then, we will be writing a recount as a diary entry from Howard Carter!

We will also be continuing our wonderful work on learning our spelling, punctuation and grammar terms.

Maths:

Our focus for this half term will be Mass and Capacity; Fractions and Money including:

- Comparing capacities
- Adding and subtracting fractions
- Partitioning the whole
- Unit fractions and non-unit fractions of groups of objects
- Pounds (£) and pence (p)
- Adding and subtracting pounds (£) and pence (p)
- Children are expected to know their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables at speed and out of order by the end of year 3. We are currently working on these and updates will be provided of target tables and planned class tests.



Other curriculum areas and what we will be covering include:

- Science – Plants
- Music – Brass lessons

- PSHE – Diverse Britain
- Religious Education – What does it mean to be a Christian in Britain today?
- Design and Technology – Mechanisms: Making moving books
- PE – **Tuesday – Tennis and Thursday – Hockey**
 Please note that PE is changing and children will need to bring their PE kits on Tuesday and a Thursday
- Computing – Creating Media



Supporting learning at home:

- **Reading:** Every child needs to read frequently. In year 3, children need to read for at least 15-20 minutes most days and talk to an adult about what they have read. Please encourage your child to use their reading diary to record the reading that they have done each day and then obtain a signature from the adult that has listened to them. Reading diaries will be checked every Monday and Friday and they should be in school **every day**. Book change will take place on a Monday, but children can change their books more frequently in the morning if they choose.
- **Homework:** Children will be set a reading comprehension activity and a maths activity as weekly homework on a **Friday** which will be due back the **following Friday**. You may support your child in tasks but please ensure if they are struggling that they know they can ask us for help.

Children are welcome to do their homework in school, during playtime, if they do not have time at home. Homework should support learning, not cause stress. If your child finds it difficult, please stop and bring it into school for support.

Useful information:

Coats: Please make sure your child brings a coat so we can go outside.

Hats and suncream: As the weather improves (hopefully), please ensure your child has an appropriate sun hat for the sunnier play times and break times.

Also please ensure that **EVERYTHING is named!** If it isn't, and it gets lost, we cannot return it.

If you have any questions to ask, or have information to tell us, please get in touch via the school office (julie.carter@littleeaton.derbyshire.sch.uk or 01332 831471). We will also be available on the playground at the end of the school day.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Jayne-Ann Dilleigh, Sarah Holmes and the Year 3 team.