



Kingfishers'

Ask Me About Newsletter



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This half term we are seeing all of our hard work in the autumn term paying off and some excellent progress have been made!

What have we been up to this half term?

English

Our checklist of year 3 skills has grown even more this half term and we have produced some wonderful writing. We started spring 1 with *The Egyptian Cinderella*, where we added the skills of the possessive apostrophe and we started to learn direct speech. We now know that to include direct speech we need to remember inverted commas, the reporting clause and punctuation before the closing inverted comma. Then we moved on to the Egyptian myth of Ra where we continued our use of direct speech. After that, we moved on to *The Way Home for Wolf* and we added in fronted adverbials of place, manner and time. Then it was time for *Superworm* and we started to place a focus on organising our ideas in paragraphs. We have finished our half term off by creating instructions for mummification and learning how to change the place of the adverb in the sentence.

Maths

In maths this half term, we have completed our multiplication and division unit. We have learnt written methods for multiplication (grid method) and flexible partitioning using a

part-whole model for division. We have, very excitingly, started counting sticks as our starter for maths lessons. We finished the 3 times table and have moved on to the 4s. Miss Johanson had a lot of fun doing counting sticks and everyone was very impressed with year 3 when they saw all the children joining in.

Science

In science, we finished our unit on rocks and looked at fossils, what they are and how they are formed. After that, we have started our enquiry into soils, by identifying the different types: clay, chalky, peat and sandy.

History

In history we have started our ancient Egyptian unit, answering our first enquiry question 'What was life like for an ancient Egyptian', focusing on the geography of Egypt as well as the social triangle of ancient Egyptian society. We were very lucky to have Lauren from Portals to the Past come and join us for an ancient Egyptian day. This was an excellent day full of fun learning and everyone enjoyed themselves. Thank you to all the parents and carers for the effort you put into Year 3's costumes, they looked amazing!



What are we up to next half term?

English

In English we will be looking at the following texts: *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark*, an explanation of the Shaduf; a kennings poem on the ancient Egyptians and finally a non-chronological report on ancient Egypt. The following skills will be added to our checklist:

- Different verbs for 'said'
- Use of ellipsis
- A variety of subordinating conjunctions in the middle of a sentence
- Consolidation of skills so far

Maths

In maths, we will move on to length and perimeter where we will look at measuring in millimetres, centimetres and metres. We learn how to find the perimeter of something, as well as, equivalent lengths. After this, towards Easter, we will start our first fractions unit.

Science

In science, we will finish our unit on soils and complete our experiment and then we will begin our very large unit on light! We will learn about light sources and shadows, as well as planning and conducting an experiment on shadows.

Kind regards,
Miss Johanson

Ongoing Learning	
Reading	Please read 5 times a week and write this in your Reading Diary.
Maths	We will be continuing the Mighty Multiples Challenges this year. Times Table Rock Star logins have gone out, please let Miss Johanson know if you require another username and password slip.
English	Weekly spellings
Topic	The children will receive HVPs for their efforts, so please encourage them to have a go at this.