

# Year 3 Newsletter

## Week Ending 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017

We are now at the end of Term 3 and half way through the year! I hope you all have a fantastic half term with a range of adventures!

### Maths:

In maths this week, we have been learning about fractions. We revised previous knowledge of different fractions by looking at diagrams. This week we learnt about equivalent fractions. We now know that equivalent fractions are two different fractions that are equal. For example,  $\frac{2}{4}$  is the same as  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{3}{6}$ .

We also learnt how to add and subtract fractions. This was much easier than we thought it would be! We know that when we are adding or subtracting fractions with the same denominator, we only need to add or subtract the numerator.

### English:

In English, we have been learning about newspapers and looking at some of the important features that are used. We looked for these by using examples from real newspapers. We found this quite interesting and we realised that some papers do not have all of the expected features.

We then used a known nursery rhyme to write a newspaper report. We recalled the story of Humpty Dumpty and planned a report, thinking of our own headlines and reasons for why Humpty fell off the wall. We used our plans to write up our report. We found this much trickier than we thought it would be, as it was very tempting to write a story rather than a newspaper report! However, by the end of the lesson, everyone had written a newspaper report to explain the incident.

### Topic:

This week we have completed our own cartouche by adding colour to decorate it. We spent a great deal of time learning about the colours that the Egyptians would have had to decorate their items and we only had these available. We then used the equipment carefully to make sure that our hieroglyphs were still evident after we had painted. You can see some of our work below.

