

Year 3 Newsletter

Week Ending 13th January 2017

Homework

The children's homework this week is to research the ancient Egyptian hieroglyphic alphabet and write/draw all of the hieroglyphs out on a piece of paper. They then need to use these to write their name. The second part of their task is to create their own hieroglyphs and use these to write a message to be deciphered. This can be done on the computer, or it can be handwritten.

This needs to be in by **Wednesday 18th January**.

Maths:

In maths this week, we have been continuing our learning about time durations and our units of time. We have learnt about the different number of seconds in minutes, minutes in an hour and days in months. We have also learnt the rhyme to help us to remember the number of days in each of the months:

30 days have September,
April, June and November,
All the rest have 31,
Except February,
Which has 28 days clear,
And 29 in each leap year.

We also learnt about how to work out time duration problems, working out how long events might take. We found that this could be quite tricky, but if we used our number bonds to help us, it became much easier.

English:

In English, we have been learning about fiction, and working towards writing an alternative story. We have been reading 'The Scarab's Secret' and have discussed that the story has been told by one character, with the other rarely featuring in the story.

This week we have been writing our own version of the Scarab's Secret, thinking about the events from the Prince's perspective. We have thought very carefully about the adjectives that we have used, as well as including speech, recalling our learning about speech punctuation from last term.

We all have very different and interesting stories, telling the reader about the Prince's day and the exciting events that have happened.

We are working on typing up our stories, practising our typing skills as well as reading through our work carefully and editing as we go.

Spellings:

The spellings this week focus on the words from the Year 3/4. The children were given their spelling lists yesterday (Thursday). We will be having our spelling test next Thursday.

