

Year 3 Newsletter

Week Ending 24rd February 2017

Homework

The children have a project, linked to our Topic of Ancient Egypt. There will be 9 tasks available for the children to choose from, but they will only need to complete a minimum **3** of these, they may do more if they choose to. This project will be set for the whole term, allowing the children time to think about each of the activities carefully. The homework will be due in on **Wednesday 29th March**.

Maths:

In maths this week, we have finished our learning about fractions. We have been looking at what we had learnt before the half term and thinking about how that can help us as we continue our learning. This week we have looked at counting in tenths and how dividing a number by 10 can help us to find a fraction e.g. $2 \div 10 = 0.2 = 2/10$.

We have also learnt about comparing and ordering fractions. We now know;

- If the denominator is the same, we need to look at the numerator to help us to compare or order the fractions.
- If the denominators are different, but the numerators are the same, the lower denominator is the larger fraction (as the pieces would be bigger).

English:

In English, we have been learning about newspapers and recapping some of the important features that are used to create the report. We were given an example newspaper that showed us where and how the features are used in the writing. We then used this to help us to identify the features in a different report. This was much harder than we thought it would be, as it was tricky to determine whether some areas were additional detail, or technical language.

We then acted out the story, thinking of ways to draw a story map to help us to retell the story. We managed to pull out the key information well and think of some inventive images for the map. By the end of the lesson we were able to retell the story orally, using the map that we had created.

Topic

This week in our topic lessons, we have learnt the discovery of Tutankhamun. We know that an archeologist, named Howard Carter, discovered the tomb, hidden in the Valley of the Kings in 1922. We thought about how excited Howard Carter would have been when the tomb was discovered, as the seal was intact, meaning that it had not been opened for over 3000 years! We were able to see some of the amazing treasures that were discovered in the tomb.

Times Tables

This term we are beginning our times tables. The children have taken home a sheet to help them practise their given tables. The tables have been decided through the use of a large times tables test, to show the children's current tables that they know, as well as the tables that they need for addition practice. The children will receive their times tables on a Wednesday and will be tested the following Wednesday.