

# Year 3 Newsletter

## Week Ending 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017

### Homework

The children will be continuing their project, linked to our Topic of Ancient Egypt. 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 29<sup>th</sup> March**.

### Maths:

In maths this week, we have started to look at a written method to help us to solve multiplication problems. When we first saw the method, we thought it was rather tricky, but after having a go at solving a problem, we realised that we could do it!

All of our problems have been looking at multiplying 2-digit numbers by 1 digit, meaning we have had to practise our times tables to find the solution to the problems. E.g.

$$36 \times 4 =$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 36 \\ \times 4 \\ \hline 24 \text{ (} 6 \times 4 \text{)} \\ + 120 \text{ (} 30 \times 4 \text{)} \\ \hline 144 \end{array}$$

We know that we need to set it out similar to an addition or subtraction problem.

We always start with the unit numbers, otherwise we can get confused!

We start by solving  $6 \times 4$  and writing the answer below the line.

Then we need to use a place holder under the units column, as we have no units left. Then we need to solve  $30 \times 4$ , we can use our times table knowledge to help us.

Finally, we add the two answers together to find the answer to the problem.

### English:

In English, we have been learning about newspapers and thinking about the style of writing that is used when writing a report. We found that it can be tricky to keep to a report style of writing and it is quite easy to start writing a story.

This week, we planned our own report about the death of Pharaoh Tutankhamun using an example report as a template. We thought of different ways in which he could have met his end and thought carefully about the level of detail that we needed to use to tell the story.

### Topic

This week in our topic lessons, we have learnt about the process of mummification. We learnt about the embalmers and the steps they needed to take to ensure that the person successfully reached the afterlife. We found out that this process is quite gruesome and requires the embalmer to remove the brain through the nose, as well as most of the organs from the body. We know that the stomach, lungs, intestines and liver are put into canopic jars, each of which have a different head, either animals or humans. We were surprised to find out that the process took between 40-50 days before the mummy was buried or placed in a tomb.

### Times Tables

All of the children did very well on their times tables test this week. This week's tables have been based on their results. The children will be tested next Wednesday.

### Forest School

We have our first session of Forest School next Friday (10.3.17). Please make sure that the children come to school in appropriate clothing, as we will be outside even if it is wet and cold!

Also, please ensure that they bring their uniform with them, as we will be changing back into our school clothing at lunchtime.