

# Year 3 Newsletter

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week in maths we continued to practise the formal written methods for multiplication and division. These are quite tricky, yet the children have tried really hard and are building up their confidence with the column method for multiplication and the bus stop method for division. We also practised using these methods to solve word problems.

In English, we continued reading 'The Egyptian Cinderella'. We wrote a diary entry, imagining we were Rhodopis, the Egyptian version of Cinderella, remembering to include how she was feeling at different parts of the story. We also thought about the ending of the story for when Rhodopis had to marry the Pharaoh because she owned the slipper that he found. We discussed whether it would have been a happy or sad ending for Rhodopis and wrote arguments for and against it being a happy ending, ready for a class debate on which side they agree with!

For science, we focused on learning about our muscles and learnt how they help us move by working in pairs. We discussed the differences between skeletal muscles, which help us move and are voluntary movements, and organs such as the heart, whose movements are involuntary.

In RE, we thought about the links between Noah and how we live in school and the wider world. We discussed people that we trust and the qualities that those people have that enable us to trust them. Then we looked at the story of Abraham and how he trusted in God to follow some instructions that were quite challenging, yet his trust in God made it easier to do.

Just a reminder that the children's **home learning** to do research about an Ancient Egyptian God is due this **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October**, if they haven't already brought it into school.

Even though the weather was a bit miserable, we still had a great time at forest school today! We used sticks and conkers to make Egyptian Gods, climbed the trees, made dens and made 'chocolate brownies' in the mud kitchen.



**Lost watch:** Bea's Fitbit has got lost at school. Please would you be able to keep an eye out for it, in case it has managed to get into another school bag by mistake? Many thanks.

I can't believe that next week will be my last week with Year 3 before I go on maternity leave! The time has flown by so quickly. The children met Mrs Pattanshetti this week, who will be teaching the class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. She will be back again next week to visit the children and meet with myself and Mrs Holditch to ensure a smooth hand-over. I will try to make my last week with Year 3 a bit more fun than usual (whilst still learning, of course)!

Have a lovely weekend,

Love Mrs Mockler



Week 6	
Homophones & near homophones	
berry	ball
bury	bawl
break	fair
brake	fare
meet	meat