

### **Don't Forget:**

\* Spelling tests will be on a Monday. Please remind your child to practise their spellings and bring in their spelling book on a Monday.  
\*PE - please ensure PE kits are in school all week  
\*Homework will be given out on a Friday and will need to be returned by the following Tuesday.

### **Dear Parents/ Carers**

Happy New Year, we hope you and your family have had a relaxing holiday.  
Our topic this term is Rulers and Government as the next few months see the run up to the General Election. We have incorporated this theme into many of the different subjects we will be teaching this term.

**English:** The English focus this term is non fiction writing. The children will learn to write non -chronological reports and instructions both linked with our Egyptians topic and the whole school topic, Rulers and Government. Towards the end of this term we will be writing Shape poems and Calligrams with the support of our poet in residence Cheryl Moskowitz.

**Maths:** This term we will be covering Number, shape, data handling and measure. The children will apply their knowledge within these areas to help them solve problems. We will be practising the 2,3,4,5,6 and 10 times tables and your child would benefit from consolidating this at home.

## Year 3 Curriculum News

### Topic: Rulers and Government

**Religious Education:** We kick start this term's RE with a whole school RE week with the theme Creation Stories. Year 3 will focusing on the Christian Creation Story. We will be meeting a guest speaker as well as reading, writing and performing parts of the story. We will also be creating our own perfect worlds. Towards the end of term will visit a church and take part in an Easter assembly.

**PE:** During indoor PE sessions the children will be exploring gymnastic sequences and creating routines. In outdoor session they will continue to learn and improve games skills.

**Science:** In this subject we will study Rocks and Soils for the whole term. This will involve investigations into the hardness of rocks, their permeability and the make up of soils. We will be building on the children's previous knowledge of fair testing to plan and complete these experiments. Towards the end of the topic we will be identifying fossils and learning how they were formed.

**ICT/D&T:** Sessions this term will begin with a review of E-safety, how to stay safe on line. Following this the children will learn how to use sequence, selection and repetition with programs such as Scratch, Kodable and Hopscotch. After half term they will be presenting information in data tables using Purple Mash and 2graph.

**History/Geography:** This term we will be learning about Ancient Egypt. We begin with a trip to the British Museum. To link with the whole school topic we will focus on Rulers and Government in ancient Egypt. We will also study Tutankhamun, the Pyramids, Hieroglyphics and mummification!

### **Art, Design & Music:**

We will be working with Mr Aru, our new music teacher. We will be learning to analyse, compose and perform different genres of music.  
In art we will focus on our class artists. We will be linking DT to our history topic and making Egyptian sarcophaguses.

**French:** Our topic this term is Jeux et Chansons, Games and songs. We will be learning a variety of French games and songs. As well as continuing to count in French.