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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Year 3, we hope you have had a lovely break!

Our Topic – The Awful Egyptians

This half-term, Year 3 will be studying this ancient civilisation through specific topic lessons and alongside many other aspects of the curriculum. We will begin the topic with our Egyptian day – a day filled with various activities to immerse the children and bring out their creative sides! We will then explore where Egypt is in the world, discover how and why Egyptians were mummified and write our own Egyptian stories. The children will focus on learning key history skills, working with timelines and artefacts to gain a deeper understanding of this time period. Any books, artefacts – or anything related to the topic that your child might be able to bring into school, would be very gratefully received!

Key Dates and Things to Remember

- **Friday 21st September – trip to the British Museum.**
- **Friday 21st September – Mufti Day - Jeans 4 Genes day**
The children will be able to wear jeans for the day, on the trip, for a £1 voluntary contribution to a very worthy charity.
- **Friday 28th September – Whole School Inset Day**
- **Friday 5th October – Harvest Festival Assembly**
The children will be showcasing an aspect of Harvest, which they would love to share with you. More information regarding this will follow closer to the time.
- **Friday 19th October – Talents Day**
This event has moved to the Autumn term so that the children can share their amazing and unique talents with their new teacher.
- **Date to come – Awful Egyptians Showcase**
Please come and view the children's work and achievements from this half term.
- **P.E. Kits**
Full P.E. kit is needed in school every **Monday**. Please ensure that children have appropriate clothing for all weather types. Please could you ensure that all clothing is regularly checked to ensure that all items are clearly labelled.
- **Swimming – Every Wednesday**



Please send your child to school with appropriate swimming clothes and a towel. Swim hats can be purchased from the school office. Toiletries such as hair gel are not needed and are discouraged. Payment can now be made via the online payment system.

- **Family Reading**

We would also like to remind you about our wonderful Family Reading sessions on Friday mornings 9.00am - 9.20am. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there!

Reading at Home

Please continue to provide your support by reading regularly at home. We appreciate how busy you all are but cannot emphasise enough how valuable this is for the children's learning. We encourage and celebrate regular reading with reading certificates awarded in celebration assemblies for the number of times the children have read. Please help us to monitor this by numbering each reading entry in your child's reading record, one number per day (rather than one each time they read).

Our reading-at-home focus this half term will be **fluency and reading with expression**. Please encourage children to vary their tone to suit emotions, character changes or differing pace within the text. It would be really helpful if you could support your child by helping them to do this as well as correcting any mistakes they may make when reading aloud. Please continue to ask questions during home reading and read aloud more difficult texts to your child, discussing the meaning of any new vocabulary. In class, we will ensure your child is read with weekly and banded books are changed.

Homework

Spellings and mental maths practise needs to be complete every day at home. Books will be checked every week and dragon points will be awarded to those who do this. **Children will be tested every Thursday and new homework will be given out on Friday**. If the children do not get all of their mental maths questions right, then they will remain on that same skill until they do so. Homework will be differentiated to meet the needs of each child.

Spellings – children will be given fortnightly spelling lists to practise using the **look, say, cover, write, check** technique. In addition to our spelling focus, lists will also include a few Year 3 and 4 Common Exception Words. A list of these words will also be in their homework books and require practice.

Mental Magicians – this will continue as it was last year. The children worked very hard and were so pleased with their wrist bands. Please encourage them to learn and practice their times tables at home. The following link can be used for tips on how you can support your child with this: www.lyminster.w-sussex.sch.uk/parents-hub/curriculum/maths

Take home task – over the course of the half term, the children must complete one of the activities from the grid that will be provided. These activities will be shared and celebrated at the end of half-term show case. Dragon points will be awarded for these pieces of work.

We are looking forward to lots of exciting learning this half term and we welcome you to come and see us if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

Mrs Williams, Mrs Virgoe and Mrs Brook
Year Three

