



Kingfishers'

Ask Me About Newsletter



Spring 1 2025

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This half term we are seeing all of our hard work in the autumn term paying off and some excellent progress has been made!

What have we been up to this half term?

English

Our checklist of year 3 skills has grown even more this half term and we have produced some wonderful writing. We started spring 1 with *The Egyptian Cinderella*, where we added the skills of the possessive apostrophe and we started to learn direct speech. We now know that to include direct speech we need to remember inverted commas, the reporting clause and punctuation before the closing inverted comma. Then we moved on to the Egyptian myth of Ra where we continued our use of direct speech. After that, we moved on to *The Way Home for Wolf* and we added in fronted adverbials of place, manner and time. Then it was time for *Superworm* and we started to place a focus on organising our ideas in paragraphs and using short sentences.

Maths

In maths this half term, we have completed our multiplication and division unit. We have learnt written methods for multiplication (grid method) and flexible partitioning using a part-whole model for division. We have then moved onto length and perimeter and have been looking at metres, centimetres and millimetres.

Science

In science, we have been looking at rocks! We have all really enjoyed this unit and have learnt about various different rocks such as: pumice, sandstone, granite, marble, chalk and gneiss. We then briefly looked at food waste and made posters to campaign for less food waste.

History

In history we have started our ancient Egyptian unit, answering our first enquiry question 'What was life like for an ancient Egyptian', focusing on the geography of Egypt as well as the social triangle of ancient Egyptian society. We have also begun to look at the Rosetta Stone and its importance in how we know so much about Ancient Egypt.

What are we up to next half term?

English

In English we will be looking at the following texts: *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark*, an explanation of the Shaduf, a kennings poem on the ancient Egyptians and finally a non-chronological report on ancient Egypt. The following skills will be added to our checklist:

- Different verbs for 'said'
- Use of ellipsis
- A variety of subordinating conjunctions in the middle of a sentence
- Consolidation of skills so far

Maths

In maths, within length and perimeter, we will learn how to find the perimeter of something, as well as, equivalent lengths. After this, towards Easter, we will start our first fractions unit.

Science

In science, we will look at fossils and soils. Including a great experiment on different types of soils.

The children are all very excited by the reading challenge and speeding through the books. Please can you listen to your child read their reading challenge book as much as possible to check they are understanding what they are reading.

Kind regards,
Miss Johanson

Ongoing Learning	
Reading	Please read 5 times a week and write this in your Reading Diary.
Maths	We will be continuing the Mighty Multiples Challenges this year. Times Table Rock Star logins have gone out, please let Miss Johanson know if you require another username and password slip.
English	Weekly spellings
Topic	The children will receive HVPs for their efforts, so please encourage them to have a go at this.

