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Year 3 Newsletter

January 2022

Dear Parents,
Welcome back, I hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and are ready to start the new year!

History: This term we will be starting our History unit called 'Walk like an Egyptian'. This is a personal favourite of mine and we will be diving into ancient history to answer the key question, 'Why does a civilization rise and fall?' This area of history will provide plenty of opportunity for the children to flex their artistic muscles and research skills to help them understand how people in Egypt lived thousands of years ago!

Maths: This term we will be continuing to learn multiplication. We will regularly practise our 3,4 and 8 times tables and learn the written methods of multiplication. After this we will move on to statistics and learn how to read and use bar charts, tally charts and tables.

English: Keeping to our history unit of 'Walk like an Egyptian' we will be using the graphic novel 'Marcy and the riddle of the Sphinx' to write our own ancient Egyptian adventure stories. Then we will write an instruction text on how to mummify a Pharaoh. This may be quite gruesome!

Music: This term the children will continue to learn to play the recorder. We will learn the basic notes and some simple tunes before building up a repertoire of a few songs for a performance.

Jigsaw: The theme of Jigsaw lessons this term will be 'Dreams and Goals'. This will allow the children to think about what they would like to achieve over the year and during

their time at St Michaels. They will also explore different careers and investigate the qualities needed to pursue them.

Computing: This term the children will be developing their programming skills by using a programme called Scratch. This programme will allow the children to create their own games for others to play.

PE: This term the children will be doing basketball. The children are required to come to school dressed in their PE on Wednesdays.

Science: Our science unit this term will be 'Light'. This is a very practical unit and the children will have the opportunity to create their own shadow puppet show after investigating how light is made and can be manipulated.

Homework: Children in year 3 are expected to read for at least 10 minutes on 4 separate occasions throughout the week. They are also expected to practise their set tables on TT rockstars for 15/20 minutes a week and practise the spellings assigned to them on Monday for a test on Friday.

Reading Books: The children will have two library books to take home. When the children return from lunch we have 10 minutes quiet reading time in class where they can change their books if then need to. Their yellow reading records will be checked every Monday. Please sign and date your child's reading record each time they read. Please make every effort to ensure your child reads regularly as this is so important for us to help the children progress in their learning. Thank you for all your support.

Mr. Clew