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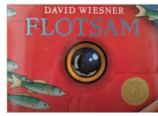
23RD FEBRUARY 2026

Welcome back, we hope you had a restful Half Term!

This term will be very creative and full of clay models, it will be lots of fun!

English

This term we will be reading *Flotsam* by David Wiesner and using this as our Book Week text, in order to inspire some descriptive writing. After this we will be looking at a book called 'Marcey and the Riddle of the Sphinx' and creating some diary entries based on this.



Maths

In our maths work this term, we will be focusing on our maths skills with mass and capacity and multiplication and division using column method. We will be encouraging the children to keep practising their 2,3,4,5,10 times tables and they will be continuing to learn their 8s. Please continue to use TTRS or Hit the button <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>. You can also use <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

Topic

Our topic this term is asking 'What can we learn from the ancient Egyptians?' This will be a fascinating exploration of ancient Egyptians gods, goddesses, society, pyramids and even mummification! We cannot wait to get started and think the children will be incredibly keen!



Egyptian Day—Monday 30th March 2026

During the day we will be immersing the children in all things ancient Egypt and encouraging them to take part in a range of fun and engaging practical activities. This will include some cookery as we work together to prepare some Salatet Zabadee (a refreshing yoghurt cucumber dip), a food tasting and some art and craft activities.

Your child is welcome to dress up in an Ancient Egyptian themed outfit for the day but equally they are welcome to come in school uniform if they prefer. There is no expectation to buy a costume or find an outfit and this will not affect the amount that your child is able to participate in the day.

Weather

With this time of year still providing us with cold and wet weather. Please ensure your children have coats for breaktime, lunchtime and PE if needed

Reading: This term we will be continuing to transition more of the children across to our school Accelerated Reader scheme. A comprehensive screening test generates each child an individual ZPD range and they will then be able to choose books within this range. The children will have more ownership to choose their own book from the library, which they will need to bring in everyday, to share with an adult. Once they have finished their book, they will complete a short comprehension test as part of the reading program Accelerated Reader, before then being able to choose another book. Throughout the year the children will undertake further ZPD assessments to make sure that their ZPD range increases accordingly alongside their progress. This program really focusses on comprehension as well as inference, accuracy and fluency and teachers will be monitoring performance in these areas. Please continue to sign your child's reading record to show that your child has read to or with an adult at home every evening (if possible). It is beneficial for your children to enjoy the book with you and to engage in discussions about the characters and content of the book etc. Therefore, it is not a necessity that your child completes a whole book per night; a few pages with lots of discussion is much more effective. We will continue to develop the children's reading skills every day in our whole class reading lessons.

Comprehension questions: (for you to discuss as you read together, if you would like to)

- Who is telling the story and how do you know?
- Find some words or phrases that tell you about the setting.
- What is the most interesting or exciting part? Try to explain why.
- What is the theme of this story or text?



PE:

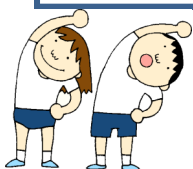
This term we will be enjoying lessons incorporating Basketball and Multi-Skills skills. PE lessons are scheduled for **Wednesday** and **Thursday** for both classes. Wednesday will be indoor and Thursday will be outdoors (weather permitting). Please remember that all children are expected to take part in PE lessons and should wear the appropriate kit into school. on these days. This includes white t-shirt, either dark shorts or jogging bottoms, and trainers. Please include a jumper for your child to wear. Please remember to tie long hair back and earrings should be removed at home if they cannot do so themselves.

Future Events:

Term 4—World Book Dress up Day 27th February, Visit by Vicar 3rd March, Road Safety session 16th March, Egyptian day 30th March

Term 5—river topic

Term 6—Trip to Brogdale Farm



If you have any questions, concerns or comments at all please do not hesitate to let us know on Dojo or by making an appointment through the office.

Thank you from the Year 3 team.

Miss Collings, Mrs Papandrea, Mrs Edwards and Mrs Wilde