



Tuesday 7th January 2020

Year 3 Newsletter 3

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

Welcome back and I hope you've had a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas and New Year!

This week, we will begin our **Egypt** topic in by considering 'Where in the world is Egypt?' in Geography. This is an exciting and new topic in which we will focus on **modern day Egypt**, with next term (Spring 2) focusing on **Ancient Egypt**. You could help your child to learn about Geography at home by exploring 'Google Earth' together. To enhance our learning in this topic, we will be joining Year 4 on an exciting trip to **Durham University** on **Tuesday 24th March**.

In other exciting news, our class have been selected to participate in **Fishkeeper Fry 2020** (a national 8-week programme developed by Maidenhead Aquatics) from the beginning of **January** to help teach children about the joys and benefits of fishkeeping whilst bringing some of their key science themes to life for them in the classroom. All the equipment for the programme and all the learning resources have been provided to us completely free of charge by Maidenhead Aquatics. You can find out more about the programme and what the children will be getting up to here: <https://www.fishkeeper.co.uk/fishkeeper-fry-parents>.

Please could you remember to write a short comment in your child's Reading Record book **as often as possible** (ideally daily), so we know how your child is getting on with their reading at home. Please could you ensure that book bags (with Reading Records and reading books) are brought to school every day, checked for letters each evening and any old letters removed please?

As the children are now in KS2, fruit is no longer provided at snack time. Please may I remind you that children can bring their own break time snack from home but they must be **fruit or vegetables**.

This term, PE will be taught on a **Wednesday afternoon**. PE kits should be left in school (on pegs) and should contain a pair of well-fitting plimsolls/trainers for outdoor lessons. Can I ask that the trainers have no laces, unless children can tie their own. It would be very helpful if any child with long hair could have their hair tied up in a ponytail on this day too.

Homework stickers will continue to be given out every **Thursday** so that the children can complete this and hand them back in on the following **Tuesday**. We would be grateful if parents could mark their child's work and return it to school every Tuesday. This gives me an opportunity to look at each child's book on a Tuesday evening and set appropriate tasks for the following week.

Children will continue to learn and play recorder over the term. The children will also begin **ukulele** lessons every Tuesday afternoon, beginning **Tuesday 22nd January**.

Thank you very much to all the parent helpers who have listened to readers or joined us on school trips. Your continued support would be very much appreciated.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask! You can catch me at the end of the day after children have been dismissed, or reach me on my email which is megan.nattress@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Nattress