



LOWER SCHOOL

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a good holiday and are ready for the term ahead.

Please make a note of these important dates coming up:

- Thursday 22nd January - Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Day
- Wednesday 4th February - 2.55pm Year 3 Open Afternoon
- Wednesday 4th February -Year 1 Local Area Walk

Homework



Your child will be set homework on Google Classroom every day. Please support your child completing this work. When the children log into Google Classroom, they will be directed to either EdShed, TT Rockstars or Numbots for their homework. Your child should have been given the usernames and passwords needed. If your child does not know their login details, please ask their class teacher. There have been a few issues with Edshed recently. If your child can not access the work on EdShed, please complete either TT Rockstars or Numbots instead.

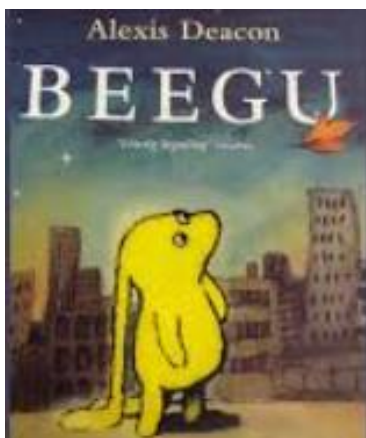
Reading

It is very important that your child reads every day. Please remember to sign your child's book when you have listened to them read. Your child will be able to change their reading book when they can demonstrate that they understand what they have read, this may be only once or twice a week. The children can also take home another book of their choice. Please read this with your child as well.

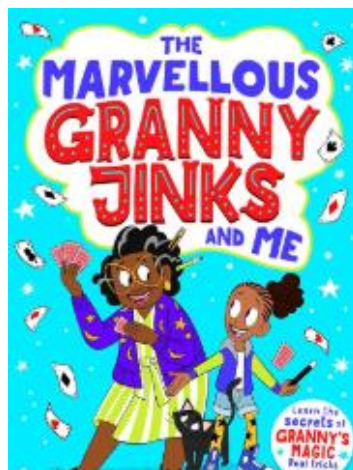


This half term the children will get to read and listen to lots of different stories. Below are some of the books they will be reading. Please encourage your child to tell you about the stories or read other books by the same author.

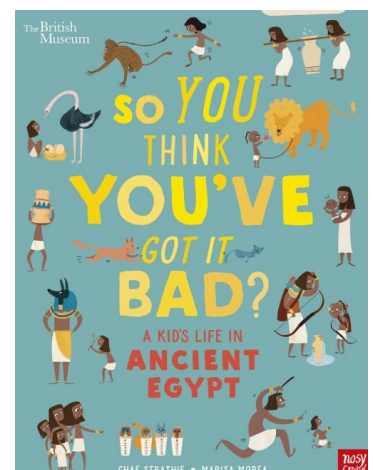
Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 1

The children have had a wonderful first term in Year 1 and we are looking forward to all of the exciting activities in the new term. Previously, In R.E. we learnt about important people in Christianity and Judaism. Next half term we will be learning about important places such as churches and synagogues. In maths we will continue to look at numbers to 20 before moving on to Numbers to 50 and using these for addition and subtraction. We will also explore length, height, weight and volume. In science we will be learning about weather and we will make our very own rain gauge to monitor over the half term. We we also start to find out about the different types of animals and how we can classify them. Geography is all about our local area and we will be going on a short walk around Castlefield to investigate what is included in our local area and what the man-made and natural features are. Art is all about the famous artist, Georges Seurat, and how he created pictures using pointillism. We will then use this style of painting to make our own landscape pictures.

Exploring floating and sinking

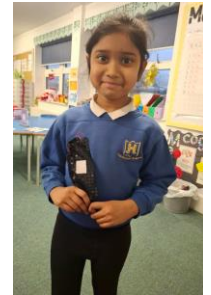


Year 2

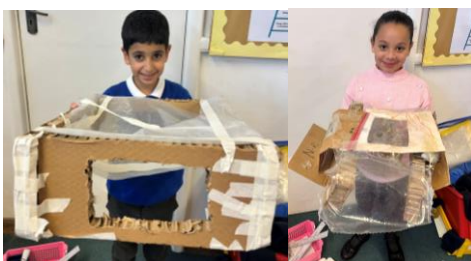
In Year 2, we are really looking forward to our trip to Windsor Castle, where we will learn about some famous Queens in History. We will also be writing an information text all about castles.

In Science, we are learning about animals, including humans. In Art, we will be studying the works of Henri Rousseau and applying our new skills to create a version of his famous piece 'The Surprise'. We will be learning some yoga moves in PE, as well as practising our sending and receiving skills. In PSHE we are going to learn about being safe in the world and in Computing, we will learn about Word Processing.

Last term, we had great fun using our scientific skills to solve the crime of the century: 'Who Elf-napped Trixie?' We also had the opportunity to explore different ways of joining fabric in Design and Technology. We decided that sewing was the most effective way and we were able to practise this skill when making bookmarks.



Year 3



Look at the greenhouses we made in DT!

Year 3 are ready for Term 2 and very excited for our Ancient Egypt Experience Day on the 22.1.26! We are building up to it with our History topic as well as our new non-fiction reading book on the Ancient Egyptians. Our first writing unit this term is based on a lovely book called 'The Tear Thief' and we will be writing a narrative inspired by it. In Maths, we have started daily fluency practice to help us with our multiplication and division units. Ask your

child to show you how they chant the times tables! We will balance all these intense mental exercises with some landscape painting in Art, in the style of David Hockney and learning about mental health as part of our PSHE unit on a healthy body and mind. We will also explore related themes in Science with our unit on nutrients, skeletons and muscles and in PE where we will be working to improve our balance, flexibility and strength with yoga. Finally, in Computing, we will be learning how to send emails.