



# Poppy Class Autumn Term



Hello and welcome to Poppy Class!

I am so thrilled to be working with the Year 3 children and I am sure we will have lots of fun over the next year! We have a busy but exciting term ahead of us. This newsletter should cover any questions you may have, however, if you have any further questions then please feel free to e-mail or speak to myself, or a member of the support team. We are always happy to help!

## Our learning this term



This term we will be learning about the Egyptian culture, its society, its development, pyramids and the mummification process. In geography we will learn about Egypt and compare it to the UK. In science we will look at different forces, magnets and light and we will also have lots of fun in art designing scrolls, making paper, and creating contemporary responses using zines. Look at our Medium Term Plan to find out more about the exciting learning planned this term.

At Stanford we take great pleasure in showcasing our learning on our class blogs and Facebook page. Remember to check these out and see the wonderful learning that is taking place.

## Home Learning

Our home learning will be split into 2 categories: weekly essentials and enrichment ideas.

### Weekly Essentials:

**Reading:** Please continue to support your child's home reading. We ask that they read for a minimum of 3 times a week which should be logged in their reading diaries. The children will also need to complete a written reading response which they can choose from the list of ideas provided.

**Spelling challenge:** Spellings should be practised on Spelling Shed. These will be tested on a Friday.

**Flashback 4:** This will be in the form of 4 retrieval questions. This will be a quick task to complete and help children to remember what they have been learning across the curriculum.

### Enrichment Ideas:

Please choose at least 6 activities over the whole of the term.

## General Reminders

- **PE:** We try to do as many lessons outside as possible so it is important that the children have both inside and outside PE kits including suitable footwear and warm clothing. Please ensure that children with long hair have it tied back and earrings are removed. We would suggest you leave their kit at school so it is always available.
- **Uniform:** Can you please make sure uniform & PE kits are clearly labelled to avoid confusion when children misplace some of their belongings.
- **Coats:** As the weather is changeable and we like to use our outdoor learning environment, please ensure that your child has a suitable coat with them regardless of the weather conditions.
- **Water bottles:** The children should bring in a water bottle from home with a sports style cap, which they can access throughout the day. They will be encouraged to change their water regularly and take them home each evening to be washed. Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on their water bottle.
- **Rucksacks:** Your child should only need to bring their packed lunch, a water bottle and their reading book if they wish to change it. PE kits can be stored at school throughout the term. As children should not be bringing non-essential items in from home, rucksacks should not be brought into school, especially as there is limited storage space in the classroom.

### Look out for...

- September 9th- Hook Event - The theme is Egyptians, Mummies & Explorers. Dressing up is optional - Adult T shirts would be ideal for Egyptian costumes or shorts & T-shirts would make a great explorer costume.
- September 18th - Jeans for Genes fundraiser - Wear denim!
- September 20th - Harvest Festival donations
- September 27th - Macmillan Cake Sale - Community invite to watch us perform
- October - Big Draw Festival
- October 16th - Autumn Craft Event
- November 11th - Anti-Bullying Week
- November 15th - Children in Need - Fundraising and fun activities
- November 18th - Road Safety Week
- December 2nd - Christmas Fayre - Separate letter to follow!
- We will also be observing other important events this term, including: World First Aid Day, Fairtrade Fortnight, International Day of Democracy, Recycling Week, Black History Month, World Mental Health Day, Yom Kippur, Diwali, Remembrance, UK Parliament Week - Further info on our SMSC Long Term Overview on the website.

Thank you and have a great holiday  
See you in September!  
Miss Purshouse and the Year 3 team

Here are some simple ideas for costumes.

