



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 16th January - Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Day
- Thursday 23rd January - Rabbi visiting Year 1
- Monday 27th January - Year 2 Flight Day
- Tuesday 4th February - 3pm Year 3 Open Afternoon

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 or TT Rockstars 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.

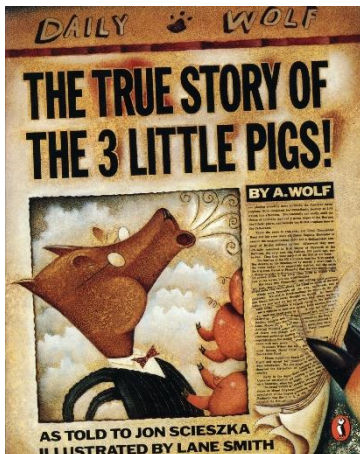
Reading

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.

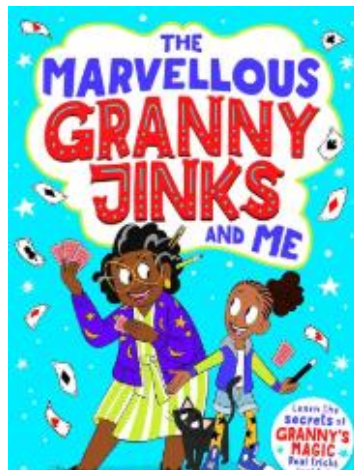


This half term the children will get to read and listen to lots of different stories. Below are some of the books they will be reading. Please encourage your child to tell you about the stories or read other books by the same author.

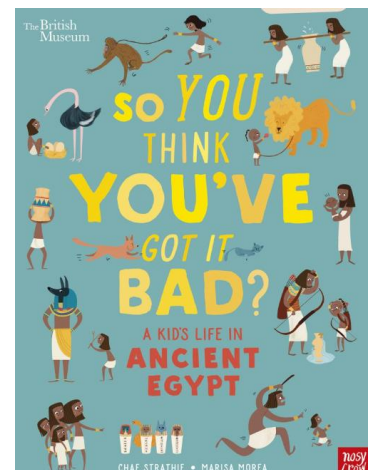
Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



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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 so we are very excited to welcome a Rabbi who will come and talk to us on the 23rd of January.

History afternoon



In maths we will continue to look at numbers to 20 before moving on to numbers to 50, 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 own rain gauges. Geography is all about our local area and we will be going on short walks 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.

Year 2

Year 2 worked very hard last term. For their History lessons they learnt all about famous Queens and enjoyed their trip to Windsor Castle. The children had a brilliant day exploring the castle and took part in a workshop all about Queen Victoria. Our History topic this term is 'The History of Flight' and we are really looking forward to



our Flight Day later this month. We will learn about the first hot air balloon flight, The Wright Brothers and lots more besides. In Science we spent the whole of last term looking at everyday materials and tested them for their ability to squash and stretch. This term, we are learning about animals including humans; we had great fun completing the life-cycle of a frog! We will be keeping ourselves fit by learning yoga in PE as well as learning different ball skills. We will be developing our ability to listen to music, recognising the pitch, dynamics and tempo and matching the sounds we hear to characters in stories. In Computing, we will be developing our word-processing skills.

Year 3

Year 3 enjoyed a terrific visit to our local Mosque on Jubilee Road where Sheikh Tanweer shared the history of the building and how the community worship, pointing out the key features. We also enjoyed History Day, learning about the Victorian Era through handling and discussing artefacts (pictured.)

History afternoon



It was a snowy return to school this term and the children have settled back into the routine well and we have begun our Spring curriculum. In Writing the children will learn how to write non-fiction information texts about superheroes. In Reading and History, we continue the non-fiction theme of Ancient Egypt; we have an Ancient Egypt themed day on 16th January, full of hands-on and fun activities. In Maths we continue learning and applying our times tables. In Science the children are learning about good nutrition and the human skeleton. In Art we are studying landscapes in the style of David Hockney.