

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome your children back to the Summer term. I hope you all had a relaxing break and a lovely Easter weekend ready for our final term in Base 3. As a class, we thoroughly enjoyed learning all about our 'Water' topic during the Spring term and I am very much looking forward to seeing Base 3's enthusiasm for their learning continue as we start our new topic for the Summer term, 'Egypt'.

Our Learning Journey this term is based around the story, 'The Egyptian Cinderella'. Our whole school theme for the term is Africa, with our class focus being Egypt; therefore as a class we will be focusing mainly on the geography of Egypt and the history of Ancient Egypt. We will be looking at what life was like during Ancient Egyptian times, from the hierarchal society to mummification and the use of the pyramids (linking to our Science topic of Rocks). Please see the termly plan for an overview of some of the learning we will undertake during the Summer term.

Base 3 Timetable

We will continue to have daily maths, literacy and guided reading lessons each morning with our afternoons dedicated to our Learning Journey, which will include science, art, music, design and technology, geography, history and computing. On a Wednesday afternoon, the children will be swimming at Nantwich swimming baths as their first hour of PE for the week. On Thursday afternoons, the children will receive an hour of RE with Mrs Clarke and an hour of PE provided by Sportscape. The children will continue to receive a 20 minute French lesson with Madame Sharpe on Friday mornings.

Day	8.45-9.00	9.00-9.25	9.25 – 10:20		10:20 – 10:40	10.40-11:00	11.00-12.00	12.00 - 1.00	1.00- 1:20	1.20 – 1.50 (5 – 10 min break)	2.00 - 3:30
Monday	Registration and focus activities	Spelling/ SPAG	Literacy		Playtime	Guided reading	Maths	Lunchtime	Assembly	Learning journey time	
Tuesday		Spelling/ SPAG	Literacy			Guided reading	Maths		Assembly	Learning journey/story time	
Wednesday		Spelling/ SPAG	Literacy			Guided reading	Maths		Swimming		
Thursday		Spelling test	Literacy			Assembly	Maths		RE with Mrs Clarke	PE with Sportscape	
Friday		Spelling/ SPAG	Times tables test	10-10.20 French		Guided reading	Maths		Learning journey/story time		Assembly

Expectations

Arrival at school

Base 3 are only a couple of tickets away from winning the attendance prize! Can we win some more tickets by getting the highest attendance and beat Base 5? Good attendance is vital for good progress. Please ensure that your child arrives at school between 8:45 and 8:55am ready to start their learning for the day. Morning activities are set up for this time to ensure all children are ready to learn straight after registration by 9am.

Monies and messages

All monies and messages must come into school via myself to assist Mrs Rowlands in the office at the start of the day. It is important for the children to bring monies and messages in for themselves to help them become responsible and independent.

Outdoor clothing

Due to the ever-changing and unpredictable weather, it is important that appropriate clothing must be in school; in particular, a warm/waterproof coat should be brought /worn to school every day.

Snack

Snack will be available from Mrs Warner at break times each day, but if your child wants to bring a snack from home please ensure that this is a healthy snack as we are promoting healthy living.

Dinner

As a school, we offer a three-week hot meal menu with the option of a jacket potato or sandwiches should you request this for your child. A school dinner costs £2.30 per day.

PE

PE kits (red top, black shorts/trousers, trainers, black jumper) must be in school EVERYDAY, especially on a Thursday. Swimming kits must be brought to school on a Wednesday ready for their lesson. PE kits should then be taken home to be washed over the weekend and brought back to school on Monday.

Homework

Regular homework will continue to be sent home on the following days:

- **Literacy or Maths**

A Literacy or Maths based homework will be sent home once a week on a Friday to be completed by the following Friday.

- **Times Tables**

Times tables should be practised at least 5 times throughout the week and will be tested on a Friday. All children are now set up on Timestable Rockstars with their own account to support their learning.

- **Spellings**

Spellings will be set on a Friday and will be tested weekly on the following Thursday. It is important that these are learnt a few times throughout the week to ensure the learning is embedded and not just learnt for the test.

- **Daily Reading**

Reading should be done daily, for at least 15 minutes, with comments written in the reading record and signed by a Parent/Carer. Reading diaries will be checked daily and once they have reached the top of the reading ladder they will receive a prize!

Open door

My door is always open for you to come and speak to me should you have any concerns, questions about your child's learning and progress or wish to share any information that is relevant to your child's well-being. I will be at the door every morning and after-school, or you can arrange a time to meet with me at a time that is convenient for the both of us.

I am very much looking forward to another successful term with Base3, and starting to learn about our exciting new topic.

Kind regards,

Miss McKinnon
(Year 3 class teacher)