

FOUNTAINS'

NEWSLETTER.

Welcome back, we hope you had a fantastic Christmas and very best wishes for 2019. Many thanks for all the lovely cards and gifts you gave us, they were very much appreciated.

Our **topic** for this half term will be **Exciting Egyptians**, looking at the importance of The River Nile to the early civilization. We will also learn about The Pyramids, Pharaohs and Hieroglyphs. If anyone has any books information or artefacts connected to Egypt please send them in so we can share in class.

In **English** the emphasis will be story writing, focusing on settings, characters and plot. Year 2 will focus on a range of punctuation; year 3 will focus on paragraphs and speech punctuation.

In **Maths** year 2 will begin with work on odd and even numbers and estimation, year 3 will be learning how to scale up or down using multiplication and division. Both year groups will then do some work on statistics. Please continue to work on times tables at home we do use them in lots of areas of maths. If children are secure with times tables they need to know related division facts. For example 6 multiplied by 5 is 30 and 30 divided by 5 is 6.

Our **Science** topic will be **Investigative skills for** year 3s, linking these skills to previous topics. Year 2s will be learning about **Animals including humans** and will begin by charting our journey from baby to adult.

In **RE** the topic will be what makes Jesus an inspiration to some people?

The focus for **Art and design technology** will be 3D objects and models, hopefully children can make some pyramids to fit in with our Egyptian theme.

The children will need **PE** kits in school on a Monday and Thursday. PE will largely be outdoors so please make sure children have a warm kit.

We will change reading books for year 2s on a Monday and Thursday. Year 3 children are encouraged to change their own books when necessary.

Spellings will be given out on a Monday or the first day back after a holiday. We do work on these spellings in class but children are also encouraged to take them home to learn in readiness for the weekly test.

If you have anything to discuss with us regarding your child please pop in and see us after school.

Here's to a fun and exciting half term

Mrs Wells and Ms Gauder.

January 2019.