

# A MESSAGE FROM YEAR THREE

The children - and staff! - are loving our topic about Ancient Egypt! In writing, we are developing our paragraph and sentence skills, using Newspaper Reports as our structure. The children are exploring the writing features of newspaper reports, using the 5 w's: Who, What, When, Where and Why to examine how information is planned and written.

We have also written terrific recounts about our recent trip to the Brighton Museum.

We are enjoying our Guided Reading text, 'A Mummy Ate my Homework!', and the children continue to develop their reading skills.

Our current focus is summarising, and a fun way to do this is to ask, 'If you could summarise this book/chapter/paragraph in one word/sentence, what would that word/sentence be...?'

In Reading Fluency, we are also developing our own awareness as a 'reader for pleasure' - what books do we enjoy, how do we share our reading at home, who do we like to read with? Reading with your child helps to support their self belief as a reader, with adults modelling how we read, discussing book preferences and genres.

As we study Ancient Egypt for the whole term, we are using History to develop understanding of Primary and Secondary sources of evidence - how do we know what we know - as well as examining lifestyles and practices of some of the vast Ancient Egyptian cultures, and questioning the ownership of artefacts from finds.

Year 3 visited the Brighton Museum, attending a superb Mummification workshop. This really helped us to visualise and understand the procedures and rationale of mummifying, and the children were really engaged and were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Art - the children will be making some terrific Canopic jars, using the clay coil technique, with the head made using the pinch pot method. We have started the design for these. Patterns and features will then be etched in, using clay tools. These shall be adorning your homes at the end of the Summer Term!

As we head towards our final half term, we are very proud of the achievements and resilience of our Year 3 learners!



... The Year 3 Team

