



## Dragonflies Newsletter – Spring Term 2022

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back to the Spring Term. I hope that you have all enjoyed a well-deserved break and ready to embark on the year 2022. I am looking forward to seeing all the children again and embarking on our learning journey together in Dragonflies class.

This term our Topic will be ***Ancient Egyptians!*** This topic provides lots of opportunities to enjoy fun enrichment activities throughout the term. One of which is mummifying a tomato!

***Swimming for Year 3 will continue to be on a Tuesday morning until February Half Term and then they will swap with Year 2 (please ensure all kit is named and labelled). Year 2 will continue to do P.E. on a Tuesday morning until the February Half Term. So, PE will be on a Monday afternoon for both Year 2 and 3. Children will need to come to school in PE kit on a Monday and Tuesday.*** Every Monday the class will continue to be taught by Mr Hawley.

### Homework:

***The homework grid*** includes a variety of tasks based on our topic and the children are able to choose which ones they would like to complete (the amount they choose to do is up to you). The children will be given a homework book to complete the tasks in and can share with the class. We will share, celebrate and give feedback to children on the week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> February (*please do not bring it in before then*).

It is important that children are reading every evening at home (for about 15 minutes) and should be logged in their reading record. This does not need to be reading to you every night and if your child is a confident reader you may sign to say they have read by themselves. The reading records will be checked every Friday and we would expect to see a minimum of 4 adult signatures across the week. There is an incentive of an extra 10 minutes play time for this. Please include any relevant comments if necessary, that we will read. **Please ensure their reading record and book is in school every day.** Spellings will still be completed throughout the week, although you may notice that word lists do not always come home this year to learn as we are looking at a new way of teaching these in school. It is really important that children are reinforcing their times tables fluency at home; especially the year 3's who have the multiplication check at the end of year 4. All children should have a TTRS (Times Tables Rock Stars) username and password in their Reading Records.

Children may also continue to bring in their own pencil case, however please ensure these are a suitable size for the classroom and they only need a pencil, rubber, sharpener, ruler and colouring pencils. These can easily escalate and become a distraction.

If you have any questions or concerns, I will usually be in the playground before or after school to help. Alternatively, please contact the office if you would like to arrange a meeting or send an e-mail.

Kindest Regards,  
Mr Waite

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<i>Topic</i>	<i>Ancient Egyptians</i>
English	Narrative poetry Egyptian adventure narrative Africa Trip Descriptive writing- The 7 Wonders of the world <u>Texts:</u> Secrets of a Sun King Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx The Time Travelling Cat
Maths	Multiplication and Division Multiply by 10 and 100 Statistics
Science	Living things and their Habitats Plants
Geography	Rivers and Lakes
RE	Christianity-Introducing Jesus Importance of Jesus Baptism of Jesus The twelve disciples
Computing	Creative media- and Programming Digital writing programs Microsoft Word Scratch Jr
Art	Tingatinga Art Edward Tingatinga and Joseph Thiongo African animal paintings
PSHE	Keeping myself safe Rules and Responsibilities
PE	Dance, Gym, Rugby and Netball
French	Numbers to 100 Age People and personalities
Music	Glock 1 The Dragon song