



Year Three Curriculum Letter Spring Term 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope that you have had a lovely break. Here is some information for the coming Spring term:

	1 st half term	2 nd half term
Writing	All our writing will be based on our Ancient Egyptian topic. We will be looking at narrative writing based on 'Egyptian Cinderella' and poetry, to extend our use of language and literary features. For non-fiction, we will be writing a diary entry as if we were an explorer, discovering King Tut's tomb and non-chronological reports. The English curriculum will also include a strong grammar and spelling focus, or phonics for those who still need this. Please continue to access the spellings that we have assigned your children on EdShed to practise at home.	
Reading	Reading is important to increase vocabulary and cement comprehension. If children learn to read, they can read to learn. It is essential that children read regularly at home (at least 5 times per week). Reading for pleasure increases fluency and it is fun. <u>Please send your children in with their reading diaries on a Monday each week.</u> We encourage the children to read a wide range of books, including non-fiction such as newspapers, information books or biographies. All children will have Whole Class Reading daily and an opportunity to listen to the class novel. Some children will have individual reading with an adult, but the main body of their reading should take place at home.	
<u>Spelling / Phonics</u>	The children have daily spelling / phonics lessons in school and a weekly spelling test on a Friday. Spellings are set on Spelling Shed and children should be logging in and practising these regularly. Your support with this is much appreciated.	
Class Novel	Our class novels this term include Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx by Jo Todd-Stanton; Anisha Accidental Detective - Serena Patel and Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl.	
Maths	In maths this term, our focus will be on mental calculations, multiplication and division, column addition and subtraction and right angles. Pupils will be encouraged to increase their reasoning and problem solving skills by applying their knowledge and skills to a range of problems and talking about strategies they have used. Thank you for helping your child to practise their times tables at home. We cannot stress enough how important fluency in these are. In class, we will be working on and looking at the relationship between the 2x, 4x and 8x tables and we will listen to the BBC Supermovers times tables songs to help with this. The link is below so your child can listen to these at home too: https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/times-table-collection/z4vv6v4 The government have introduced compulsory multiplication tests for all year four pupils. For further information, check out this website: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/multiplication-tables-check-development-process	
Science	Our science learning this term will be 'Light and Shadows'.	
History	In History we will be studying Ancient Egypt. We will be holding an Egyptian Day at school later in the term. More details will be provided in a separate letter about this.	
Art	This term the children will be making Egyptian scrolls with their own handmade paper. Thank you for sending your children in with a long cardboard tube.	
DT	This term the children will be learning about designing digital wearable technology and developing a program and housing for a Micro:bit.	

PE	This term, we will be continuing PE on Mondays and Wednesday, so they will need to wear their PE kit (warm clothing please) and their school jumper on these days. Earrings should be removed on PE days.
Computing	The children will be developing their programming skills using Scratch. They will also be creating and using branching databases as well as learning how to stay safe when using the internet.
RE	In RE we will be learning about what Christians mean by the term 'Kingdom of God' (Christianity) and an introduction to Islam.
PSHE	This term, the children will learn that a healthy lifestyle includes physical activity, a balanced diet, rest and relaxation; exploring identity through groups we belong to and how our strengths can be used to help others; learning how to solve problems by breaking them down. We will also learn about children's rights; exploring why we have rules and the roles of local community groups, charities and recycling and an introduction to local democracy.

Homework

Children will be given weekly spellings via Spelling Shed to be tested on a Friday. They also need to practise Times Tables Rockstars or practise times tables regularly. Please support them in completing the tasks set. The children are expected to read daily and it is essential that books are in school **every day**. Please send your children in with their reading diaries on a Monday each week. Pupils also have a grid with extra homework activities based on our Egyptian topic. Children can bring in any topic homework completed and we will aim to share this in class.

A few reminders:

Please can you ensure that children bring a coat and a water bottle to school every day. Children can bring a snack for playtime, but this must be fresh fruit and vegetables only please, in line with our healthy eating policy.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries. Please email us directly at Year3@hatfieldpeverel-jun.essex.sch.uk and we will aim to get back to you as soon as possible.

For matters which require urgent attention, please call the school office.

Mrs Arnold & Mrs Larrad (Apple Base) and Miss O'Connor (Birch Base)

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