

Dear Bluebirds, parents and carers,

We'd like to begin by wishing you a Happy New Year!

This term our new topic is the Ancient Egyptians. You many have already heard about the arrival of a strange box to our classroom, full of artefacts and a sarcophagus containing an Egyptian mummy?! Besides learning about many aspects of this Egyptian life we will be locating Egypt on a world map to find out about both human and physical features, such as the River Nile and investigating how important it was to the Egyptians. Therefore, throughout the topic we will be developing both our History and Geography skills.

Our Science topic this term is "Chemical Changes" which will involve many exciting and amazing experiments in the classroom for the children to watch and experience first-hand! Look out for our blogs as we aim to try and capture the results on camera to share with you all!

PE will continue to be on a Tuesday and a Thursday with Mr Gill. Please ensure your child has shorts, t-shirt and pumps every week. Please ensure your child has a named water bottle for the classroom (besides one in their lunch box, for those who have sandwiches). Children also need to bring a coat into school every day.

It is important that Bluebirds continue to work extra hard on their times tables and spellings now that they are in year 3. Spelling tests are now testing a rule rather than a list of words and this is having some impact in their spelling in class. Your child will come home each Monday with a spelling pattern and they will be asked to complete a task/activity relating to this pattern or rule. Additionally, each half term they will continue to receive a list of specific year group words to learn. These are tested at the end of each half term, along with any previous half term words.

Finally, please continue to encourage your child to read and sign their reading record. To encourage Bluebirds to read regularly, the top three children who have read the most at home each half term, will receive a free prize book from Mrs Parry. Research proves that reading helps children to perform better in subjects across the board – so please keep reading! Bluebirds really enjoy listening to a story being read to them and have enjoyed our "class reader" books so far, especially Spud Murphy!

Thank you in advance for your support in helping your child make the most out of this term.

Many thanks,
Mrs Parry and Mrs Johnson