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Welcome to Year 3! We hope you have all had a lovely Summer break.

This term our class topic is Ancient Egypt. We will be learning about their achievements such as the pyramids, papyrus, hieroglyphs also some of their kings.

Remember to stay up to date with our class on Dojo. If you ever need any help, have any questions or would like to give us additional information about your child, please don't hesitate to speak to us after school or ring the office to make an appointment.

Mrs Coverdale (Monday—Wednesday) and Mrs Mosley (Wednesday— Friday)

Our focus in English will be **short stories and narratives** with a focus on Roald Dahl's 'Fantastic Mr. Fox.' We will be looking at the word choices the author uses to create tension and suspense, before using our new vocabulary to create our own stories. After that, we will be writing our own **animal poems** based on ideas from poem entitled, 'The Bug Chant' by Tony Mitton.

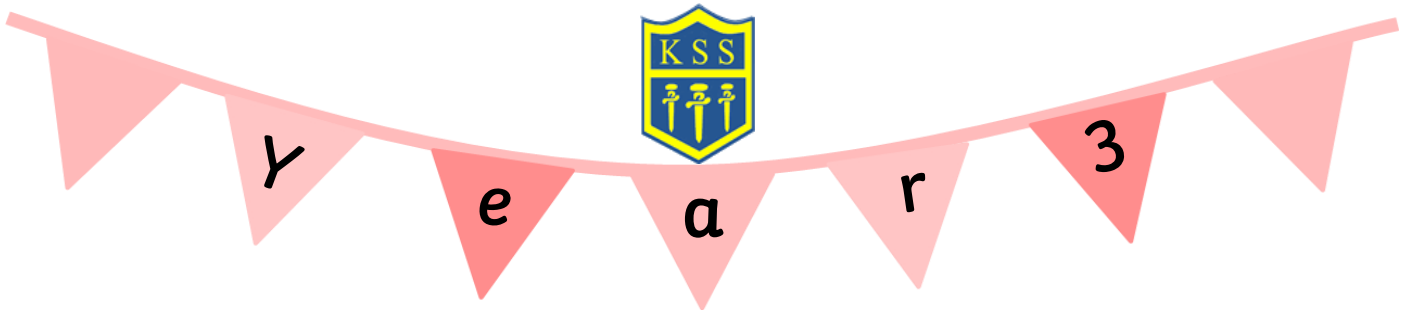
In Maths this half term, we will be learning how to **represent** and **partition** numbers up to 100. We will then be **adding and subtracting** 3-digit numbers using our number bond knowledge to help us add far larger numbers.

Times tables and numberbonds are extremely important in Year 3: 2s, 5s, 10s, 3s, 4s and 8s. Please use Times Tables Rockstars as much as possible at home to learn all times tables.

In Science, we will be exploring the different types of rocks: metamorphic, igneous and sedimentary and also investigating how fossils are formed. We will then look at how soil is made. Throughout this topic, we will be doing a lot of hands-on experiments to help us understand some of the rock cooling processes.

Reading is as important as ever in Year 3. We encourage children to **read at home as much as possible** and bring their book and signed reading record into school daily. Children have the opportunity to earn rewards on our 'Readopoly' reward chart for their reading efforts.

In Love to Read, we will begin by reading a non fiction text; **So You Think You've Got It Bad?** In line with our Ancient Egypt topic. We will then move onto reading a poem called 'The River' by Valerie Bloom. We will be focusing on our **prediction, retrieval, summarisation and visualisation** skills.



PE is on **Monday and Friday** this half term. Please wear your school PE kit on these days — plain red t-shirt, navy shorts or trousers and black pumps or trainers. **Clothing with logos on (other than the school logo) is not permitted.**

In Art and design our focus this term is **drawing Egyptian Art** using different styles, pencil techniques and materials.

Year 3 **homework** will be sent out every week on **Wednesday** and should be returned by the following Wednesday. We will mark homework together in class. Homework will begin from week 2 of Autumn term. A spelling test will take place every Tuesday and new spellings will be taught and sent home to learn the same day.

Please ensure your child brings a water bottle into school every day.



Year 3 and 4 Statutory Spellings

accident	calendar	eight	guide	mention	possession	straight
accidentally	caught	eighth	heard	minute	possible	strange
actual	centre	enough	heart	natural	potatoes	strength
actually	century	exercise	height	naughty	pressure	suppose
address	certain	experience	history	notice	probably	surprise
although	circle	experiment	imagine	occasion	promise	therefore
answer	complete	extreme	increase	occasionally	purpose	though
appear	consider	famous	important	often	quarter	thought
arrive	continue	favourite	interest	opposite	question	through
believe	decide	February	island	ordinary	recent	various
bicycle	describe	forward	knowledge	particular	regular	weight
breath	different	forwards	learn	peculiar	reign	woman
breathe	difficult	fruit	length	perhaps	remember	women
build	disappear	grammar	library	popular	sentence	
busy	early	group	material	position	separate	
business	earth	guard	medicine	possess	special	