



Dear Year 3 Parents and carers,

Welcome back to school and the start of a new term. We hope that you all had a nice Christmas break and that you weren't too affected by the on-going situation.

Now that the children are that bit older, we are hitting the ground running with our new topic, all around Ancient Egypt. Though only six weeks long, we will be packing a lot into those weeks. If you would like to know more information about what the children will be learning this half term, the curriculum map is attached with this letter. It is also available in your child's Google Classroom.

Homework will continue to be set every Friday on Google Classroom, to be completed by the end of the following Wednesday. Now that we are into the Spring Term, the children will receive a spelling task each week, and English and maths on alternating weeks. It is also really important that your child is reading every day. Whilst we recommend a minimum of 20 minutes a day, we realise that this isn't always possible. You may, therefore, also include time when your child is being read to or listening to an audiobook as part of that 20 minutes.

Our PE days remain the same, Mondays and Thursdays, but we recommend that the children keep their PE kits in school all week. This is partly because our timetable occasionally changes at short notice, but is also important during the wetter months as you never know when a change of clothes or shoes might be needed. We will continue with outdoor PE all through the winter, so please make sure that your child's PE kit includes trousers.

On a similar note, one of our most effective Covid prevention measures is to keep all windows and doors open. Even with the heating on full, this means that the classrooms are colder than usual, especially on windy days. Please make sure that your child has a jumper with them at all times, even if they choose not to wear it. We are also recommending vests and/or additional layers throughout the winter months. On very cold days, the children are being allowed to wear non-uniform fleeces on top of their normal school jumper, as well as scarves/snoods and hats indoors, should they need to. If you are concerned that your child might be too cold, please provide them with these items.

Finally, I want to remind you that your child is allowed to bring a *healthy* snack in to eat at break time. Healthy snacks include fruit, low sugar granola bars, rice cakes and plain popcorn. Simple protein snacks such as Babybel or



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meat jerky are also acceptable. Please note that your child is not allowed to bring crisps, sweets, chocolate bars or biscuits as their morning snack. I also want to take this opportunity to remind you that St Michael's is a nut-free school. This includes Nutella spread and items with *hidden* nuts such as marzipan.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 3 Team – Mr Braune, Ms Davenport and Mr Hoskins-Holt