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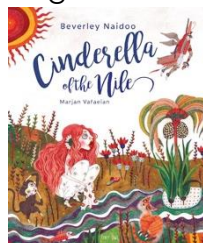
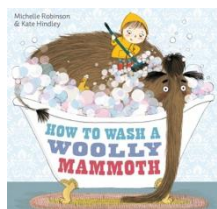
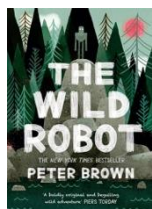
Spring 2 Newsletter Year 3

Dear parents and guardians,

Happy new year! We are so excited to start fresh with a busy term of learning!

Reading

In Reading, we will be continuing to explore texts as a whole class and focusing on the VIPERS skills. We are beginning the year with some texts linked to our history learning and will be placing a big emphasis on retrieval and vocabulary when exploring texts on Egyptian gods and Howard Carter. The we will spend the remainder of the term linked to the text. Our class novel for the Spring term will be 'The Wild Robot', which may inspire some of our writing in Spring 2! The children are excited to be starting a new novel.



Writing

This term, we are beginning with instruction writing, inspired by the text, 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth'. The children will be

using this story to create their own instructions about their chosen animal. After this, we will be writing a retell of 'Cinderella of the Nile', followed by a recount of our trip to the Horniman Museum! We will continue to send home Spellings, and we will be focusing on these in discrete spelling lessons throughout the week.

Maths

In Maths this term, we follow the White Rose small steps, and will continue our learning with Multiplication and Division, unit B. The children will be focussing on the 4- and 8-times tables, please practice on TTRS and there are loads of brilliant songs on you tube to help the children practice. We have been making explicit links to our 1s, 2s, 5s, and 10s to help the children understand the facts that they will already know! We will then be moving on to length and perimeter towards the end of term. We are attaching workbooks related to these units, these will give you an idea of what and how your children will be learning, but please bear in mind, that we do adapt Whiterose materials to suit the needs of our learners and adapt our teaching as needed. These can still be a useful tool to pre-teach to support your child's learning, or do at the end of a unit to consolidate their learning, but please don't panic if your child is unsure about a question or method, it may be that we haven't covered it yet or have approached it in a different way. We are beginning a multiplication programme which will be taught in discrete fluency sessions. These will be daily 10-minute lessons that will involve chanting and daily workbook practice as children come into class in the morning. We will have displays and resources in the classroom to support children in learning their tables.

Your children should all have their TTRS/Numbots log in to use for their home learning. Please make sure if you have the app, that you make sure to update it regularly, so that you are using the most current version. Numbots focuses on addition and subtraction fluency, and it is imperative that children are secure with their number bonds of single digits, tens, twenty and a hundred to support them in their next steps in their learning.
<https://ttrockstars.com/>

Wider Curriculum

In Science, we will be learning about the human body, specifically about skeletal structures and muscles, building on from their learning in Year 2. In History, we will be learning all about Ancient Egypt. Please be reminded we have a trip on 2nd February to Horniman museum, as well as Ancient Egypt day on the last day of this term! If you would like to volunteer for the trip (or already have), please could you contact the office so we can make note of it with our fresh January eyes! There is also a creative home learning project, please find letter attached. In Art, children will be building on their Geography learning last term around urban and rural landscapes, using pencils and oil pastels to create their artwork. L.S. Lowry and David Hockney will be the sources of inspiration for their artwork. In RE, the children will be learning about Christianity, specifically stories from the Bible. In Computing, we will be using LEGO spike for Spring term to develop the children's coding skills (they are extremely excited to begin these lessons!) In Spanish, children will be learning about fruits. In PSHE, we will be learning about

In PE, children will be taking part in gymnastics lead by an expert on Mondays. Please can children wear appropriate clothing for gymnastics on this day, as they will need to have shoes and socks off. It would be preferable not to send your child in with tights/dresses on this day and make sure they have comfortable clothing. Alternatively, you could send your child in with an extra pair of leggings or shorts to keep in their box. In outdoor PE, children will be focusing on ball skills. Mrs Tyler's class will have PE on Wednesdays and Mr Stoodley's outdoor PE remains on a Thursday. The children will be starting swimming NEXT half term, so please look out for a letter later in the term.

Key Dates:

Friday 2nd February: **Horniman Museum- Ancient Egypt trip**

W/C 5th February: **Mental Health Week**

6th and 7th February **Parents' Evenings**

9th February **Ancient Egypt Day**

Monday 12th – Friday 16th February **Half Term Break**

Monday 19th February **Children return to school**

If you need to contact us about anything, please get in touch with the school office on hscontact@halstow.compassps.uk and it will be redirected to the relevant person.

All the best to you and your families,
Mrs Tyler and Mr Stoodley