

Year 3 Spring 2 Newsletter

By 3H

This half term, we have been learning all about **Ancient Egypt**. We started off being archaeologists and we visited the tomb of an important Pharaoh. We had to use the artefacts inside to identify who the tomb belonged to. It was Tutankhamun's tomb!

In History, we have learned lots about the Ancient Egyptian civilisation. We learned about their different inventions and had to decide which one we felt was their greatest achievement considering its impact upon today. We then presented our findings to the class.



In **Science** this half term, we have carried out many scientific investigations about light. We investigated what shadows are and how they're formed. We have identified light sources and reflectors.

Using shadow puppets to help us identify opaque, translucent and transparent objects was our favourite scientific experiment!



Our class **reader** this term has been 'Secrets of a Sun King'. We have enjoyed reading about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb by Howard Carter in 1922. We have also used the book as a stimulus for our writing. We wrote diary entries written from Tutankhamun's best friend's perspective about the days leading up to his death.

Next, we rewrote the story of The Egyptian Cinderella. We have really enjoyed entertaining our reader this half term and thinking about the different devices we can use to make our writing more engaging.

In **PE**, we have enjoyed learning many tennis skills. We have learnt how to correctly hold a tennis racket as well as the rules of tennis. We have worked on developing our forehand and backhand to create a rally with our partner.

In **Maths**, we have been learning about multiplication and division, measurement and fractions. We have used concrete resources to make our learning hands on and applied our understanding to different problem solving tasks. During our fractions unit, we have worked really hard to learn mathematical vocabulary such as equivalent, numerator and denominator.



This half term, each class has enjoyed a trip to Tomlinscote Library. We thoroughly enjoyed sharing some of our favourite books with the librarians and loved hearing them read to us too.

World Book Day was one of our highlights of this half term. We especially loved the book swap where we all got to take a new book home!

In **RE**, we have explored the Bible's 'big story' and have understood the values that are shown in the stories that belong to both the old and new testament.

In **Art**, we have learnt about artists that use tessellations in their work. We found tessellations around the school in our natural habitat. We created our own tessellations and have used ICT to make these digital.

