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# Year 3 Newsletter

## Spring Term 2

### What are we learning this half term?

In Year 3 this half term, our new Geography unit links to our recent History work on Ancient Egypt. We will be studying the River Nile, the longest river in the world, and learning more about its journey from source to mouth.

In Science, we will be continuing to explore forces and magnets with lots of practical work and investigation.

We will be studying how impressionists represented water in art, looking at the work of Seurat and exploring different techniques for showing movement and reflection.

In English, as a stimulus we are using the lovely text 'A River' by Marc Martin in order to develop the children's use of descriptive language and create their own poetry.

In maths, we will focus on the formal methods for multiplication and division calculations and look at using money.



### New Vocabulary!

**Topic:** Egypt River Nile source  
mouth tributary Mediterranean Sea  
reservoir delta flood Africa

**Science:** magnet force push pull  
attract repel poles friction mass  
material magnetic motion

### Home Learning

At home, the children are still expected to read their school book, ideally at least 5 times weekly. This needs to be recorded in their home school diary which is signed each week by the teacher.

Also, spellings in line with the Year 3/4 curriculum will be sent home weekly to learn (sent home on a Monday to be tested the following week). The children's scores will be monitored.

Children need to continue to work on learning their 2, 10, 5, 3, 4 and 8 times tables too please.

### Key Information

**Tuesday:** Swimming continues each Tuesday afternoon for the rest of the academic year.

**Wednesday:** PE/Games.

Please ensure that P.E. kits are kept in school all week.

**Earrings must be removed for PE and swimming.**

