

LOWER JUNIOR NEWS - SUMMER 1

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter holidays and we are delighted to welcome the children back for the Summer term.

What's on this half term?

History - Egyptians

Children will learn about the Egyptians, including their burial rituals, hieroglyphics, their gods and the pyramids.

Science - Forces

In this physics unit, children will find out about different forces and will be working scientifically. We will be looking at push and pull forces and how magnets attract and repel each other.

Computing - Microbits

Children will develop their use of block coding using Microbits.

DT - Pop up books

Children will be creating their very own pop up books. They will be looking at what makes a great pop up book before having a go at some leavers and linkages.

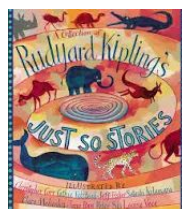
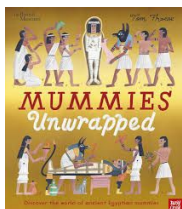
You can find more information on the Lower Junior curriculum [here](#).

English

Non-fiction Children will be writing information pages about Egyptian mummies based on the book 'Mummies Unwrapped'.

Poetry Children will be writing poetry based on the classic poem 'A Child's Thought' by Robert Louis Stevenson.

Fiction Children will be writing animal fables using 'Just So Stories' by Rudyard Kipling as inspiration.



Maths

The children are exploring measurement by comparing lengths, weights, and capacities and working out areas and perimeters of shapes.

They are practising using money in practical ways, including adding, subtracting and giving change.

They are also developing their skills in converting between different units, like centimetres and metres or grams and kilograms.



Supporting your child at home

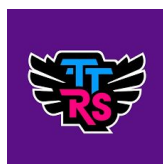
Reading - we ask that children read 4x per week and that this is recorded in their reading challenge. Reading challenges are expected to be in school every day along with your child's reading book.

Homework - Maths and/or SPAG homework is set on Century each Tuesday and checked each Monday. It will take a week or two for these accounts to be set up.

Spellings - We really appreciate your support in helping your child to learn their weekly spellings. They will be tested each Friday.

TTRS - Regular times table practise helps prepare children for the Year 4 times table check. Year 3 children should focus on Garage Mode and Year 4s should focus on Soundcheck.

If a child is unable to complete homework tasks at home, they will be invited to a lunch time catch up club.



Home learning links

Key dates

Please visit the [school calendar](#) regularly for updates.

Attendance

We monitor attendance carefully as there is a strong link between attendance and achievement. Days off add up to lost learning. We appreciate your support in allowing your child to access the education they deserve.

Getting in touch

Teachers are happy to help and are generally available at the end of the school day or by email. Please do not try to catch them in the mornings while they are settling the children. Urgent messages can be passed to the school office.

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Please allow up to 2 school days for email responses as teachers are child-facing during the day.