

# YEAR 3 WEEKLY LEARNING

## Summer Term

### History

This week in History, the children began our new topic: What were the achievements of the Ancient Egyptians? They explored what a civilisation is and discussed the key features of the Ancient Egyptian civilisation. We talked about what makes a civilisation successful, such as having a government, writing, religion, inventions, and organised communities. The children also learned about where Ancient Egypt was located and the importance of the River Nile in helping people to live, farm, and build settlements. They began thinking about why Ancient Egypt became such an important civilisation and started to explore some of the achievements that we will learn more about over the coming weeks.

### English

In English this week, the children began reading our new book, *Cinderella of the Nile* by Marjan Vafaeian. The story introduces us to Rhodopis, a young girl whose life changes when she is resold and forced to travel by vessel to Egypt. The children spent time exploring the beginning of the story and discussing how the main character might be feeling during this difficult journey. They then wrote diary entries in role as Rhodopis, describing the events that had happened to her so far and expressing her thoughts and emotions as she travelled to a new and unfamiliar place. The children worked hard to include descriptive language and to write from the character's perspective to show empathy and understanding of her experiences.

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## Important Messages

On Monday (20.04.2026), children should come to school wearing their PE kit. As part of our Ongar Mini Marathon, we would also like them to wear their house colour or bring something associated with their house (for example, a coloured t-shirt, hairband, or accessory). If you are able, please consider donating to support **Brain Tumour Research** (<https://www.justgiving.com/page/ongarplace>).

Your generosity can help fund vital research and bring hope to families affected by brain tumours. We also warmly welcome any messages of support and encouragement. We are looking forward to a fun and active afternoon!

## Friendly request

Please continue to read regularly with your child and talk about the stories together, as this helps to build their understanding and enjoyment of reading.

It would also be very helpful if you could continue supporting your child with their times tables and practicing number bonds to 10, 20 and 100. Regular short practice at home really helps children to become more confident and fluent with their Maths. Thank you again for your ongoing support.

## Achievements

This week achievement certificate has been awarded to

- **Imogen** for sharing positive ideas in class discussions and showing great determination by trying hard, even when work is difficult.
- **Leon** for listening carefully during lessons and for showing responsibility by taking ownership of his actions.

*Your determination and positive attitude make you a wonderful learner. Keep up the fantastic work!*