Welcome back!

Happy New Year! We know with the hard work and commitment from all involved we are going make this year a fantastic one for our children. It is great to have you all back, working hard and ready to learn. We would like to thank you all for your continued effort and support in making sure all children are wearing the correct uniform. Please make sure children are attending 'Raving Readers' at 08.30 everyday. This is really important in developing your child's reading progress and is a fantastic way to ensure that your child develops a love of reading whilst receiving prizes. Please ensure that your child is also completing the Raving Readers activities weekly.

During our <u>English </u>lessons we are looking at explanation texts. We will be exploring the 'Big Question': 'Was Tutankhamun killed?'. We will be using organisational features of an ebook to help retrieve appropriate information to inform our explanation writing that will answer the 'Big Question'.

During <u>Maths </u>lessons we will be re-visiting the four operations to develop a deeper understanding of how to use and apply them within problem solving contexts. Children will have the opportunity to answer and create their own word problems. Please practise the 3, 4, and 8 times tables with your child at home. It is essential that your child knows these to aid their progression in their learning.

In <u>science </u>lessons, we will be developing our scientific enquiry skills with a focus on rocks. We will observe the rocks, identify their different properties and use these to classify them. We will also ask and answer questions about different rock types and how they are formed.

In <u>PE</u>, we will be learning and developing our invasion games skills. During indoor P.E., we will be developing and combining a range of balances.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Miss McMillan and Miss Owen

Year 3 Teachers

Ancient Egypt

This half term we will be starting our 'Tomb Raiders' topic.

We will be focusing on history and geography with elements of maths being used.

As Historians we will be exploring the past. We will have the opportunity to learn about how the ancient civilisation lived, their beliefs and customs, their ancient methods of written communication, the pyramids and their location, purpose and hidden secrets.

In our geography learning we will locate Egypt and learn about its climate.

Reminders

PE Times

3 Alder:	**Thursday (outdoor PE) Wednesday (indoor PE),**
3 Larch:	**Friday (outdoor PE), Monday (indoor PE).**

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR PE KIT!

Homework

English and maths homework is handed out on Thursday and should be returned to school no later than Monday morning. This will sometimes be online homework on Spag.com or Mathletics.

Children will also be given spellings to learn at home. Please help your children to practise these and read with your child every evening as part of 'Raving Readers'.

Please ensure that your child is using Mathletics regularly.

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This story can fit 150-200 words.

One benefit of using your newsletter as a promotional tool is that you can reuse content from other marketing materials, such as press releases, market studies, and reports.

While your main goal of distributing a newsletter might be to sell your product or service, the key to a successful newsletter is making it useful to your readers.

A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar of upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new product.

You can also research articles or find "filler" articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics but try to keep your articles short.

Much of the content you put in your newsletter can also be used for your Web site. Microsoft Publisher offers a simple way to convert your newsletter to a Web publication. So, when you're finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a Web site and post it.

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If the newsletter is distributed internally, you might comment upon new procedures or improvements to the business. Sales figures or earnings will show how your business is growing.

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Microsoft Publisher includes thousands of clip art images from which you can choose and import into your newsletter. There are also several tools you can use to draw shapes and symbols.

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Copthorne Primary School

Your business tag line here.

Organization

**We're on the Web!
example.microsoft.com**

This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.

Caption describing picture or graphic.