

Year 3/4 Summer Term Curriculum Newsletter



Welcome back!

We can't believe it is summer term already! Once again, thank you for all your support across the year so far. We have lots of exciting activities ahead this Summer Term. Here are a few details...

English

Reading and writing - Last term, the children really enjoyed getting stuck into our class text - *The Boy Who Biked the World*. We hope the children will be equally excited to read our current class text - *The Firework Maker's Daughter*, which links nicely to our Earthquakes and Volcanoes topic. We will use this text as a stimulus to explore descriptive writing and a range of sentence structures. This will culminate in the children writing their own "missing chapter" for the story.

Spelling - Spelling lessons will continue to take place weekly, with the launch of a new spelling rule each week and continued practice each day thereafter. A list of the weekly spellings will be stuck in the children's diary for extra practise at home and they will be tested the following week.

Handwriting - Handwriting practice will also take place regularly, with an emphasis on joining letters where appropriate, along with correct letter formation.

Maths

During the term, the children will develop their understanding of mass and capacity, decimals, money, time and charts and graphs.

Times tables - As you are aware, it is the expectation by the end of Year 4 that all children know by heart the times table facts up to 12x12. Please encourage extra practise at home. To help with this, the children have their logon details for Times Table Rock Stars - a fun and competitive way for them to learn their tables online.



Individual Reading and Diaries

It is still important that children read aloud at home as much as possible. Reading diaries are monitored regularly and good reading effort at home will be celebrated and rewarded.

As you know, we will be spending more time in school reading our class text rather than hearing individuals read their own choice of book. This will ensure children experience a wealth of good quality texts, which enhance topics and enrich and extend their vocabulary.

PE Kit

During the year, we ask that children bring their PE kit on Monday and take it home Friday afternoon. As a school, we are aiming to increase children's fitness by taking part in an extra 30 minutes of exercise every week. In total children will usually be doing three PE/fitness sessions per week.

Geography	Summer 1: Earthquakes and volcanoes 		
History	Summer 2: The Romans 		
Science	Electricity and States of Matter		
Computing	Coding and Online safety		
R.E	Keeping the 5 Pillars of Islam today		
Art	Roman Mosaics		
D.T.	Electrical systems: Torches		
Music	TACT (The Arts Centre Telford) - Musical Appreciation - The Planets		
PSHE	Relationships and Changing Me		
PE / Games	Fitness	Athletics	Striking and fielding

Homework

In Year 3 and 4, as well as regular reading, learning of new spellings and times table practice, the children will also be set 'nuggets' to complete on Century. Each Friday, your child's homework will be set, and they will have one week to complete it.