

Year 3/4 Spring Term Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome back!

We hope you have had a lovely holiday and wish everyone a happy and healthy 2024! We just wanted to say a huge thank you for all your support across the Autumn Term. The children are settled, working hard, making good progress, and we are pleased. We have lots of exciting activities ahead this Spring Term. Here are a few details...

English

Reading and writing - This term, we are focussing on poetry and the children will explore, perform and write poems inspired by the work of Michael Rosen. We have purchased lots of his poetry books which are available to the children in class and it is our hope that they will enjoy reading these funny and sometimes poignant poems.

Beyond this, we will be reading 'The Boy Who Biked the World: Part 2: Riding the Americas' by Alistair Humphreys. This will tie in nicely with our Geography topic - The Americas as it recounts the adventures of a boy's journey through The Americas from Tierra del Fuego, at South America's southern most tip to Alaska, America's most Northern State. Along with lots of work on spelling, punctuation and grammar, this book will serve as a stimulus for a number of engaging writing tasks, including diary writing and persuasion.

Spelling - Spelling lessons continue to take place weekly, with the launch of a new spelling rule every Monday (Friday for Base 3) and continued practise 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 multiplication and division, measures of length, including perimeter, and fractions and decimals. Alongside this, children will improve their ability to use and apply this understanding in the context of problem solving and reasoning.

Times tables - 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.

We continue to have our 20-minute reading session every day. During this session, pupils will read either their individual reading book to an adult or share a class book with their teacher.

PE Kit

Children need to bring their PE kit into school on a Monday. Children will wear their kits home or bring their kits home on Monday after school ready to be worn to school on Wednesday. Kits need to be back in school on Thursday for the next PE session.



