

Year 3 and 4 Autumn Term Newsletter 2021

Welcome back to a new school year!

We have had a fantastic start to a new school year and we have been really impressed with everyone's positive attitude towards their learning. We have lots of exciting topics planned this term which are outlined below as well as some important information and changes for this year.

While Mrs Watson is not in school, Miss Simm will be covering Mrs Watson's hours. As Mrs Watson is not here, I have written this newsletter to outline what they will be doing over the next half term and included some information from Mrs Watson regarding reading at home.

Maths We are continuing to use White Rose for maths. The children will begin with place value and we will be working hard to fill any gaps from previous years.

As always, times tables will be a big focus and we will be continually practising and assessing these using written tests, games, activities and Times Tables Rockstars. Please encourage your child to use TTRS at home as this has proven to be a great resource. Towards the end of year 4, there is a statutory online times table test where the children are given 6 seconds per question up to 12 x 12. We will send out more information about this to year 4 parents later in the year.



Reading A message from Mrs Watson: If possible, please could you listen to your child read on a daily basis then sign and comment in their reading record. I understand that children have after school activities so this will not always be manageable but if they let me know then I can find time during the school day.

Science This term we will begin by learning about Earth and space and then electricity.

History We are learning about Ancient Egypt – one of my favourite topics! I have lots of exciting activities planned this term to really help bring history to life.

Geography This term, we will be learning about 'Our Changing World'.

Art/DT To start the term off, the children are making Egyptian masks!

Music The children will start by developing their skills on the glockenspiel.

French Madame Cook will be returning this year. It was lovely to see the children enjoying their lesson last week and especially to see year 3 speaking some French that they had learnt straight after the lesson.

Computing Year 3 and 4 are beginning with Scratch.

PE PE will be on a Monday and a Friday. We will be beginning with football and cricket. In the second half of term, swimming will restart.

RE In RE, year 3 and 4 will be answering two questions this term: 'What do different religions teach about creation?' and What is the Trinity? (linked to Christmas)



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Homework A letter has already gone home outlining the homework arrangements for this year.

VIP We will be continuing with VIP this year which is always a lovely time to celebrate all the things each child brings to our school. I am pleased to say that we can invite parents into our Friday VIP worship again! If your child is a VIP (wearing a blue jumper), you are invited to attend our VIP assembly at 9am on Friday. Please can you wash the VIP jumper and return it to school the following Monday.



If you have any questions at any point over the term, please feel free to ask.

Kind regards,

Mrs Curwen