



Year 2/3/4 Newsletter

Term 6 - 2023-24

Welcome back.

Welcome back everybody! I hope you all had a lovely break and are looking forward to our last term of the school year! We have lots of fun learning opportunities planned so please keep an eye out for various letters and dates throughout the term.

Reminder

Although we are entering summer, please ensure children are still bringing their Forest School clothing. The area is shaded so it is cooler and muddier therefore please remember coats, wellies and trousers or leggings to prevent insect bites and stings, there is more information about what to bring in the Forest School section of the letter.

Curriculum

Maths:

Year 2/3

This term, Year 2/3 children will continue to explore the topic of fractions where they will have the opportunity to recognise the equivalence of a half and two quarters. The children will also move onto the topic of time, where they will learn about the minutes in an hour and how to tell the time to tell the time to 5 minutes.

Year 4

Year 4 children will be exploring money, where they will explore convert between pounds and pence and learn to solve problems with money. Then, we will be moving onto the topic of time so children have the opportunity to convert to and from the 24 hour clock.

Writing:

Our focus for writing this term is 'Write to Persuade'. Children will be exploring persuasive adverts and then write their own, based on Jill Murphy's 'The Worst Witch'. Afterwards, we will be writing a persuasive letter based on Literacy Shed's Ancient Egypt video, this will give them the opportunity to write to help others and

explore social advocacy. Children will be learning a range of writing skills in this unit such as using organisational devices, appropriate register and formal language.

Other curriculum areas:

This term we will be continuing to study plants in Science, this will give children the opportunity to understand the function of leaves in plants and investigate the way in which water is transported within plants.

In History, children will be exploring Ancient Egypt and learning about the Pyramids of Giza, Pharos and Cleopatra. Additionally, they will explore the union of different cultures and the importance of the River Nile.

In DT, children will be designing, creating and evaluating healthy sandwich wraps. They will have the opportunity to compare and create flavour combinations and enjoy their wraps in our Year 2,3,4 picnic event!

In RE, children will explore 'Big Questions'. This will allow them to think about what 'good' and 'bad' mean and find similarities and differences between religions.

Children will also have PSHE, ICT, P.E, Music and French (for the Year 4 children only) lessons on a weekly basis.

Forest School

During this term your child will be participating in weekly Forest School sessions on a Monday. The sessions will take place in outdoor areas within the school grounds. Due to the nature of these areas, the changing weather conditions and some of the activities taking place, your child will get muddy. To enable your child to participate comfortably please do check the weather forecast every week and ensure that they bring appropriate warm and waterproof old/play clothing to school to change into each Monday. Please also remember to name your child's clothing.

Recommended clothing:

- Outdoor shoes - old trainers or preferably wellingtons
- Warm socks
- A warm coat - (waterproof if at all possible)
- A jumper or fleece
- A t-shirt
- Trousers/leggings (& bring waterproof trousers if you have them too)
- Hat and gloves (for colder weather)

Reading and Reading Raffle

Please encourage children to continue to read as much as possible at home and record this in their diary (parent/carer sign to confirm). Don't forget every time a child reads five or more times a week, they will earn a raffle ticket. Each term a raffle ticket will be drawn and the winner will receive a book of their choosing up to the value of £10!

PE

PE will continue to be on a Tuesday afternoon so please ensure your child has their PE kit with them on this day.

Homework

Homework will be given out on Thursdays and is normally due in for the following Wednesday. If children are struggling with their homework tasks, please encourage them to speak to one of us in class so we can help. We are also offering a Homework and Games club after school on Mondays.

Times Tables Rock Stars

Children have been given their own Times Table Rock Stars logins (this has been glued to the front page of their Reading Records). Please encourage your children to log on at home to practise their multiplication facts!

Class Notices

Please ensure all items of clothing and shoes are named.

Some children requested the words they are learning in Active Spelling to be sent home so that they could continue practising out of school. Therefore, these have been attached to their Reading Records for them to practise at home if they choose to.

Thank you

Well done to all the children for how hard they have tried so far in this school year and thank you to their grown-ups for your continued support! If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to speak to myself or to contact me through the school office.

Kind Regards,

Miss Gray and Mrs Payne