



YEAR 3 AND 4 NEWSLETTER

Autumn, September 2023

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely summer break. It was lovely seeing lots of you at the welcome meetings this week. This newsletter will summarise the content discussed at the meeting.

Curriculum and 'Knowledge Organisers'

We want our pupils to be able to apply their knowledge and make links to other areas of the curriculum, to help them consolidate their understanding. To help us meet this challenge, 'Knowledge Organisers' will be sent home which outline the essential knowledge that teachers will be covering in topic and science units. These will include: key dates, vocabulary, technical information, significant people etc. These knowledge organisers are shared with pupils and parents, with the aim that everyone knows what is being taught and what the children need to learn. Please support your child in helping them learn the knowledge set out in the organiser and use as a reference for your discussions at home about their learning.

HOMEWORK

Each week we rely on your support in helping your child with their reading, spelling and times table recall.

Reading - Read every day and record in reading diary. Diaries will be checked every week.

Spellings - Encourage your child to put their spelling into context and write correctly punctuated sentences. These can be recorded in red homework books. Test and new spellings - Fridays!

Times Tables - Children are expected to know all times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4!!!

Maths Homework - We no longer use Abacus online homework. Each week a maths task will be stuck into your child's red homework book, based on the learning that week. Please hand in every Friday

Optional Topic Homework - Optional fun activities, linked to our topic work, will be stuck into your child's red homework book each term. Children can complete these if they wish and bring to school at any time for us to celebrate and display etc

SWIMMING

Swimming continues on **Thursday 21st Sept.** for Year 4 children
Year 3 children will start when places become available later in the year.

PE Days

Year 3 - Mon/Thurs
Kingfisher Mon/Thurs
Red Deer -
Weds/Thurs

Parent Volunteers!

Please let us know if you can help with school trips and library visits

Outdoor Shoes and Coats!

Please provide a pair of old trainers that children can keep in their lockers as spares, especially as the weather is now becoming more changeable, please ensure a waterproof coat is in school every day



You will find our curriculum overview for the year on the school website!

Year 3 - Curriculum this term

This term we will be learning about the **Ancient Egyptians**. We will be immersing the children in learning about the life, culture and religion of one of the most exciting ancient civilizations. Our Art and DT will be linked to this topic - making Canopic jars and shadufs. We will visit Norwich Castle in October to support this topic too.

Our English will focus on 'Writing to...Entertain and Inform'

In maths the children will be focusing on place value, addition and subtraction methods and multiplication and Division.

Our science unit will be 'forces and Magnets.'



Year 4 - Curriculum this term

Our first topic of the year will be about the **Romans**. We will be learning about their way of life as well as how the Romans changed life in Britain after they invaded. We will be making Roman style pots and painting portraits in art and making shields and musical instruments, later in the term, in DT.

Within English we will focus on Writing to...Describe and Inform

In maths the children will be focusing on place value, addition and subtraction, area and multiplication and division. We will also be using Roman numerals and finding out about the Roman origins of our calendar.

Our first science unit is 'Sound'



Contact details

Any queries, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher. The best way to contact us is via an email - we will do our best to reply as promptly as we can, however this will not be during the teaching day. Longer discussions can be arranged by appointment at the office.

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Book Fair

Week Beginning 18th
September at 3:30pm

Dates for the Diary!

Wednesday 27th September

- Year 4 trip to Ancient House, Thetford - Romans

Friday 29th September - School Photos

Wednesday 18th October - Year 3 trip to Norwich Castle - Ancient Egypt

Tuesday 17th October - KS2 Writing Café for Parents 3:30pm.

CLUBS!

There will be lots going on this year for the children to get involved in. We will let your child know about clubs they can join and put information on the school website, as soon as they are finalised!