



Year 3 and 4 Newsletter – Summer Term 2019

Friday 3rd May 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new term! We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter break. In Year 3 and 4, we've had a busy but relaxing first week back with the children taking part in our Art and Wellbeing Theme Week called 'Express Yourself.'

Curriculum

This term our topic, which incorporates many of the National Curriculum subjects, is '**Roaming Romans**' where the children will learn all about the Roman Empire and its impact on the development of Britain. Please see the new curriculum overview attached to this newsletter.

PSHCE Theme

An important part of our curriculum is PSHCE (Personal, Emotional, Social and Citizenship Education), which supports children's development in the underpinning qualities and skills that help us manage life and learning effectively. This half term's theme across the school is 'Relationships'. The children will be considering the important relationships in their lives and some of the feelings associated with these. As part of this theme the children will look at feelings of loss, and understanding what these mean. Some children may have only limited experience of loss, but others may have experienced bereavement, parental separation or divorce. For most children it will be very valuable to have an opportunity to think about these issues. For some children, though, this might be really difficult – for example, if they have experienced a recent loss. Please let us know if you feel that your child will find this topic tricky. It is obviously a sensitive topic and we are happy to talk in more detail about this if you would like to.

Maths targets

A range of topics from the Mathematics National Curriculum will be covered this term including:

Y3 – fractions, time, multiplication and division and continuing to learn our times tables.

Y4 – decimals and fractions, time and geometry, as well as further embedding multiplication and division.

English

Year 3 will focus on Persuasive and Instructional writing and Poetry, and Year 4 will cover Persuasive writing, Roman myths and legends narrative writing and Poetry. All children are expected to bring to school with them their **reading books** and **green reading records** every day, and should be reading at home to an adult or older sibling regularly. Reading records should be filled in when reading independently or with an adult please.

Homework

As well as reading at home, maths and spelling homework will usually be set once a week. Occasionally, other pieces of homework may be set, linked to a topic we are studying. Homework will be given out by Friday and needs to be handed in by the following Tuesday. Please encourage your child to complete their homework to the best of their ability and to return it on time.

PE Kits

For this half term Yellow Class (Y3) will have PE on Wednesdays, whilst Blue Class (Y4) will have PE on Mondays and Thursdays. Year 3 will also have weekly swimming lessons on Mondays in the Summer term. **PE kits** should be in school every day, and should include the Camp School P.E. top or a white t-shirt, black shorts/tracksuit trousers, and a pair of plimsolls or trainers to change into. During the school day both classes will complete the daily mile on the school's running track. Due to the warmer weather please make sure that your child has a water bottle in school that they can use for PE lessons. Sports Day will take place on **Tuesday 2nd July**.

Class assembly

The **Year 4** class assembly will be on Thursday 13th June at 9:10am, whilst the **Year 3** class assembly will take place on Thursday 20th June at 9:10am. We hope to see lots of you there!

If you wish to speak to any of the Year 3 and 4 team, or have any worries or queries, please do not hesitate to come in to speak to us at the end of the school day.

Best wishes,

The Year 3 and 4 Team