



Year 3 and 4 Newsletter – Spring Term 2020

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to everyone! We hope that you had an enjoyable holiday. We have an interesting and exciting term ahead of us!

There have not been any changes to our teaching team in January with the Class Teachers being Ruth Rose (Y3) and Robert Wootton (Y4). They will be supported by Helen Giffen in Year 3, and by Alison Holiday in Year 4. We continue to have a great group of support staff: Vicki Litenstone and Dee Decent in Year 3; and in Year 4 Sam Golds, Caroline Milton and Fatheha Salam. Year 4 will also be supported by a second year BEd student, Charis Miles, for this term.

Curriculum

Children in Year 3 and 4 will be studying all subjects in the National Curriculum. This term our topic, which incorporates many subjects, is **'Walk like an Egyptian'** with a focus on learning about the influence the Ancient Egyptians have had through their achievements, artefacts, culture and beliefs. **English and Guided Reading** lessons will link to our topic and incorporate learning on persuasion, narrative writing and poetry. Please see the new curriculum overview attached to this newsletter. We also consider our four curriculum drivers each term, which are at the heart of our curriculum at Camp. Opportunities for incorporating our drivers into this term's topic are also found on our termly Engagement overview. We will continue implementing and embedding the four learning behaviours (resilience, reflectiveness, resourcefulness and reciprocity) to support the children's learning and development.

Maths targets

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

Y3 – multiplication, division and fractions as well as shape and statistics.

Y4 – measurement, shape and symmetry, decimals and fractions, well as further embedding times table facts.

Reading

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 be set once a week. Occasionally, other pieces of homework may be set as well. Please encourage your child to complete their homework to the best of their ability and to return it on time.

PE Kits

Up until half-term, Yellow Class (Y3) and Blue Class (Y4) will both have PE on Wednesday mornings, which will involve Tag Rugby and learning about healthy lifestyles. Blue Class will have PE on Fridays with an initial focus on Speedstacking. PE kits should be in school every day, and should include a Camp school t-shirt (or white t-shirt), black shorts/tracksuit trousers/leggings, and a pair of plimsolls or trainers to change into. During the school day both classes will complete the daily mile.

Swimming

Year 3 will have weekly swimming lessons on Mondays in the Spring and Summer term. They will need a swimming costume, towel and swimming hat. Swimming goggles are only permitted if a written letter has been provided by a parent/guardian. This is a request made by the swimming pool. Swimming hats can be bought from the school office for £1.00.

Year 3 and 4 Class play

Years 3 and 4 will have their class play **'A Glint of Gold'** this term. It will take place in March on Tuesday 24th March (afternoon) and Wednesday 25th March (evening). The auditions will begin over the next few weeks.

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 from the Year 3 and 4 Team