

Year 3/4 Autumn Term Newsletter



What You Need

- A named water bottle
- Named PE kit (Wednesday and Thursday)
- Bookbag (reading book, journal and library book)

Please ensure ALL items are named so that we can return them to their owners at the end of each day.



English and Reading

Throughout this term writing lessons will focus on consolidating sentence composition and punctuation skills within fiction, non-fiction and poetry contexts. Through these texts we will look at deepening our understanding of expanded noun and prepositional phrases. We will also look at how we can draft our writing and start to think about the introduction of paragraphs, headings and sub-headings to organise content. Other skills we will look at will include expressing time, place and cause by using conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions and how we can choose nouns and pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion.

Maths

In maths this term we will start by focussing on number and place value, looking at numbers to 1,000 and recognising the place value of each of these numbers. This will lead us onto addition and subtraction where we will look at practical ways to solve each question as well as using part-whole models, bar models and then moving onto the more formal method of column addition and subtraction.

Alongside this we will continue to work on our multiplication knowledge and our rapid recall of these facts.

Key information...

- Staffing – Mrs Waldron will now be teaching 5 days and week and will be supported daily by Miss Hanson and on Wednesdays and Thursdays by Mrs Chambers.
- Please ensure reading books and journals are in school each day. We will change books each Monday but we will be checking journals. Please ensure you are signing when you read with your child. We would love for every child to achieve a reading certificate this year!
- In your child's reading journal, you will find all the passwords they will need this year and their spelling passport. Please could you try and access Times tables Rockstars at least three times a week and practise your child's spellings with them as much as possible.
- I will also be sending home instructions for how to set up Google classroom. This is used in school so children can access work and for messages from myself. Please discourage children from using this to talk to each other online.



Curriculum

This term we have many exciting things coming up. We will be starting with our Geography unit learning all about The Water Cycle before moving onto our DT where we will tie-die fabric to make our own juggling balls! In Science our first topic will look at forces and magnets before learning about states of matter in more depth. After half term, we will then focus on our History topic of The Stone age and the Iron age, developing our own cave paintings in art.

Alongside these we will cover the question "Who holds communities together?" in our RE sessions which also links to our PSHE where we will think about living in the wider world using discussions to explore the community we belong to, media literacy, money and work.