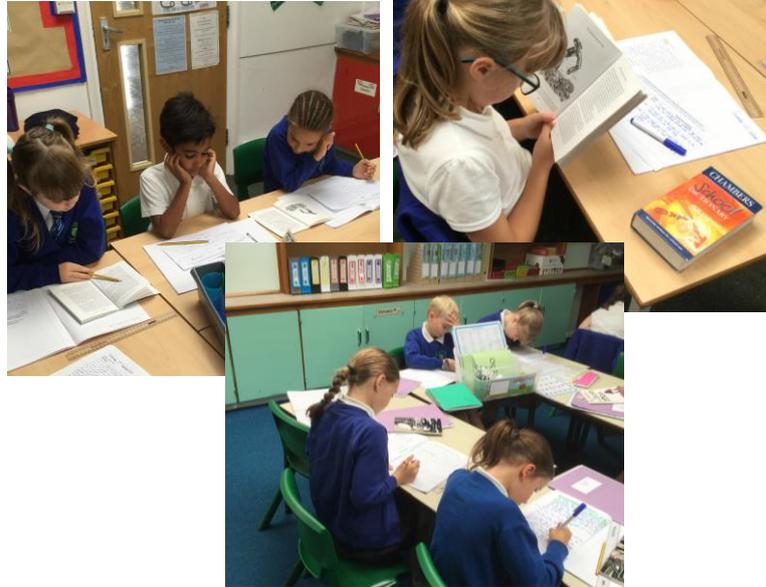


# Year Three and Four Newsletter

September 2019

Welcome to parents and pupils who are just beginning their first term as members of Years 3 and 4. We hope it will be an exciting and rewarding year in which we will all learn a lot through some fun and enjoyable activities. The children are all settling into their new classes and we are seeing them all working hard and enjoying their learning. Well done to the Year 3 pupils who are showing great independence now that they are juniors.

We all look forward to seeing you at our parent consultation evenings in October. If you do have a concern before then, please don't hesitate to contact us through the class email system.



Year 4 children working hard in their English lessons.

## Staff in the Lower Juniors

### Class Teachers:

Mrs Asghar	3G
Mrs Peach	3B
Miss Berry	3R
Miss Hunt	4R
Miss Bartram	4B
Mrs Waters	4G

### PPA Cover (Monday and Tuesday pm):

Mrs Considine  
Mrs Herbert  
Mrs Brown  
Mrs Riley  
Mrs Hammond  
Burton Albion coaches

### Year 3 Teaching Assistants:

Mrs Abberley, Mrs Considine

### Year 4 Teaching Assistants:

Mrs Warburton, Mrs Hunt, Mrs Shaw

### Department Leader:

Mr Runacus

## Maths and English Targets

The children will be given Maths target mats which they will keep on their desks during Maths lessons. These will show the key number facts and skills that they will be expected to learn by the end of this year. You will be given copies of the mats at parents evening and any practice at home will really help your child. We are also using target strips for Reading and Writing so that the children know what to improve next.

## Harvest

Harvest celebrations will be marked by having a harvest theme in assemblies for the whole week beginning Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Rather than bringing harvest produce on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October we will all be **dressing in autumn colours** and bringing in a monetary donation to support Burton YMCA who run a food bank for local families.

## Fruit Break

Children can now purchase fruit at break time from 20p. There is a range of fresh fruits and dried fruits on offer to keep hunger at bay until lunchtime.

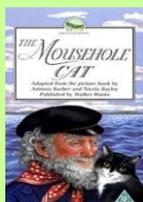
### This Term's Topics in Year 3

This half term, the children will learn about the **Geography** of Europe and our local area. Next half term our topic will be on Prehistoric Britain which will have a **History** focus. Art lessons will link in with the study of the local community - children will be learning how to create pencil sketches and use watercolours. In **English**, the children will be reading and writing stories and extending their knowledge about settings and characters using *The Mousehole Cat* and *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* as a stimulus. Also encouraging your child to read both fiction and non-fiction books at home will help them to develop both styles of writing. **Maths** will begin with place value, addition and subtraction and will later move on to multiplication and division. Please help children to learn pairs of numbers that make 10, 20 and 100 as well as the times tables. In **Science**, the children will be learning about forces and magnets. Other subjects include:

**R.E:** Rules for life and Christmas

**ICT:** Staying safe online, keyboard skills and coding

**Games/PE:** Netball, hockey, football, athletics and/or gym, golf and/or swimming



### **Music in Key Stage 2**

There are currently places available to learn to play violin, drums and electric guitar in Years 3 and 4. Letters giving information about lessons can be picked up from the school office. In Year 4, the children will be learning to play the recorder during music lessons. Recorders and music will be provided.

### **Clubs For Years Three and Four**

Many of our after school clubs are now full but we still have a few places available at the following:

- Mon: **Y4-6 Girls Football** 3.30-4.30  
**Y3-6 Young Voices** 3.30-4.30
- Tues: **Yr3-4 Hockey** 3.30-4.30  
**Y3-4 Dodgeball** 3.30-4.30  
**Y3-6 Wildcats Girls Football** 3.30-4.30
- Wed: **Y3-4 Table Tennis** 3.30-4.30
- Thurs: **Y3-6 Rugby** 3.30-4.30  
**Y3-6 Running** 3.30-4.30
- Fri: **Y3-6 Soccerstars** 3.30-4.30

Please see our website for details of prices and pay via Parent Pay.

### This Term's Topics in Year 4

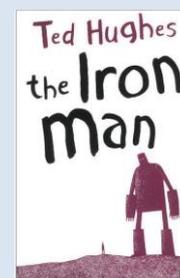
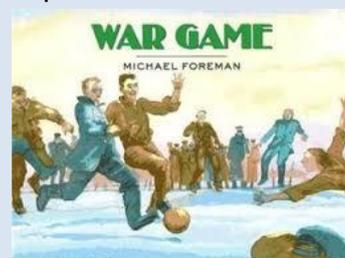
Year 4 will begin the term with our **History** topic which will be all about Ancient Egypt during which the children will have the chance to be archaeologists in school.

In **English** lessons, the children will be learning how to use nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs in their writing using a number of different books and extracts to help them. These include the books *Flotsam*, *The Iron Man*, *War Game* and letters and short films relating to WW1.

The **Science** topic this term will be 'Changing State' where we will be finding out how materials can exist as solids, liquids and gases and how they can change from one to another.

In **Art** we will be working on self-portraits.

In **Maths** the children will be learning to understand the place value of numbers and ordering and comparing numbers. They will also be developing mental and written methods for addition and subtraction. Next half term the children will be further developing their skills in multiplication and division and learning about two dimensional shapes.



### **Homework**

Until the Year 3 children are settled into the juniors, there will be no Maths homework. We would, though, ask parents to read with their child at least three times per week. The children will also have their spellings to learn at home and these will be tested on Fridays.

In Year 4, Maths homework will be largely focused on the children learning their times tables at home and other activities that support in class learning. Please encourage your children to learn their times tables at home as they will be tested on these on a weekly basis. Spelling homework will be focused on words misspelled throughout the week.