

Year Three and Four Newsletter



January 2020



Dear Parents,

We hope you had a great Christmas and the Year 3 and 4 staff wish you all a very Happy New Year. The New Year has started extremely well and children are working very hard on a variety of exciting and interesting activities. There are lots of fun and stimulating projects planned this term to continue to develop your child's learning so remind them to tell you all about this learning at home!

Mrs Asghar, Miss Berry and Ms Tomes.

Whole School Science Week - Date TBC

This year, the national theme for Science Week is 'Our Diverse Planet.' During the week there will be many science activities allowing children to ask questions, undertake research, take part in practical experiments and try out new things! There will also be a Science Show, where children will have the chance to participate. Last year's show was great fun - it enthused the children, got them talking about the world we live in and made them question!

It was a fantastic experience for everyone involved.

<https://www.britishsienceweek.org/news-information/>



Discos

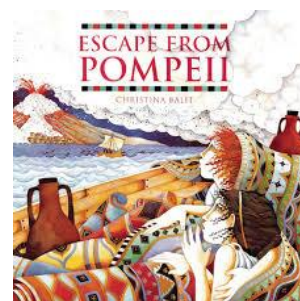
This term's AFWS discos will take place on Friday 7th February and Friday 27th March. The Year 3 and 4 Disco runs from 6.30-7.45pm and costs just £3.50 which includes a free drink!



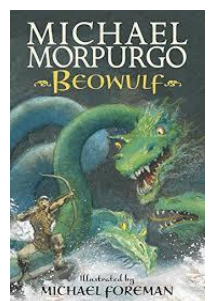
Spring Term Texts

These are the exciting stories that your children are currently reading in English lessons!

Year 3



Year 4



Children in Year 3 have been making Volcanoes at home with their families as part of our Family Learning project. We have had some amazing volcanoes. Thank you for your support with this.

Year 3 topics for the Spring Term

Over this half term, the Year 3 topics will be:

Pompeii

During this topic we will be looking at volcanoes and the power they have as well as studying various artists who used volcanoes as their inspirations.



We will also be carrying out an in-depth study of volcanoes.

Science

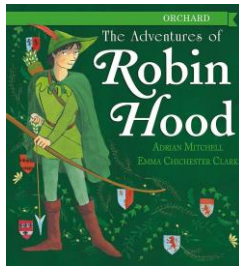
For the first half term our topic will be about rocks and soils to link with our volcanoes project. After half term the children will be learning all about keeping healthy.

Maths

In class we are learning new methods of working out addition, subtraction, multiplication and division calculations. We will also learn about fractions and telling the time. Please support your child in learning all times table and division facts up to 12x12 as this will really help them in lessons. To do this, the children all have a log in for 'TT Rock Stars' which helps them to learn their tables in a fun way. Please contact us if they cannot remember their log in details.

English

We will be reading a book called 'Escape from Pompeii' and using ideas from this to create powerful descriptions in our own story writing. We will also be doing some non-fiction writing and poetry about volcanoes.



After half term we will be reading all about Robin Hood and his adventures in Sherwood Forest.

This Term's Topics in Year 4

Over the Spring term, Year Four will be covering the following:

The Anglo Saxons

The children begin by discussing what they already know and then decide on questions that they would like to answer over the term. They will have a big say in what they learn. We will start off by putting the important dates into our historical timeline and seeing where it fits in. As well as History, our Geography skills - including map reading skills - will also be taught through this topic.

We will be having an Anglo Saxon Day on Monday 30th March.

English

Throughout this half term we will be linking our English lessons to the story of Beowulf (an Anglo Saxon myth). Children will describe the setting of the exciting story, complete an interview for a hero, use their speech skills to create drama, practise their intonation and expression with lots of reading and finally they will create their own myths which they will be responsible for editing and improving. We look forward to reading these! We will then move on to Charlotte's Web which will be linked to our guided reading and writing. Children will be improving their understanding of language and choosing vocabulary for impact on the reader.

Maths

During this term, children will be looking at fractions, decimals and measures. We continually focus on the targets set out on the Maths target mats throughout the year as warm up activities.

Science

Our Science topic for Spring 1 is the Human Body. Within this topic we will look at digestion, teeth and healthy diets.

ART/Design Technology

This will be linked to Anglo Saxons. We will be creating our own Anglo Saxon houses and moving story books.

PE/Dance

This term, the children will be learning the skills involved in playing invasion games and athletics. They will also continue their swimming lessons.

Bikeability

The Year 4 children will be taking part in Bikeability on 20th March 2020

Safer Internet Day - Tues. 11th Feb.

There will be KS1 and KS2 Internet Safety assemblies and lessons throughout the week.

Please keep a look out for any handouts.