

Year Three and Four Newsletter

October 2020

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 Maths and Science lessons.

Staff in the Lower Juniors

Class Teachers:

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

PPA Cover (Monday and Tuesday pm):

Mrs Considine
Mrs Herbert
Mrs Brown
Mr Runacus
Burton Albion coaches

Year 3 Teaching Assistants:

Mrs Lindsey, Mrs Considine

Year 4 Teaching Assistants:

Mrs Warburton, Mrs Abberley,
Miss Jesson, Mrs Russell

Department Leader:

Mr Runacus

Maths and English Targets

The children have been given Maths target mats which they keep on their desks during Maths lessons. These show the key number facts and skills that they will be expected to learn by the end of this year. Copies of the mats will be put on the Class Page on our website 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.

Fruit at break

Children are welcome to bring in a snack in the morning at break time. However, this **must** be a healthy piece of fruit only.



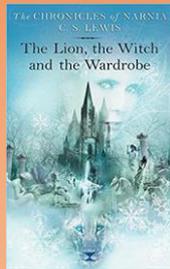
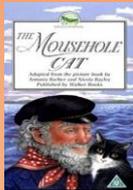
This Term's Topics in Year 3

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. 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: Google Classrooms, Staying safe online, keyboard skills and coding

Games/PE: Athletics, Games



Year 3 Homework

Until the Year 3 children are fully settled into the juniors, there will be no Maths homework. However, we would 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.

Year 4 Homework

In Year 4, homework will be accessed online via Google Classroom and will not be given in paper form. Please do not print and return these to school. The activities will vary and may include: fact-finding, researching, finding the meaning of words in our texts, maths investigations. Further activities and online links are on our class webpage.



Year 3 children testing the strength of magnets in Science and solving a calculation in Maths.

This Term's Topics in Year 4

Year 4 will begin the term with our **History** topic, which will be all about Ancient Egypt.

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 *The Iron Man* and *War Game*. They will write in a variety of genres including: diaries, letters, narratives, poetry, and non-fiction.

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 **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.

Please see our Curriculum Overview on our Class Page on the school website.

