



YEAR 3 AND 4 NEWSLETTER



Welcome back, we hope you and all of your family had a fantastic time over the Christmas period. It has been great to see everyone back in class and we are very pleased with how all of the children in Year 3 and 4 have settled straight back in!

During the spring term, we are delighted to welcome Miss Houston back who will be the class teacher of Maple from Tuesday-Friday and Mrs. Bousfield on Mondays.

Curriculum Enquiry



This term, the whole school enquiry focus is geography. Within our curriculum enquiry, we will be focusing on natural disasters. There is lots to cover with this enquiry, and we are excited for the many discussions and debates we will have as class. We will

cover key topics such as physical and human features, what can cause an earthquake and the different parts of a volcano.

We had some amazing pieces of creative homework produced last term based on the Stone Age, we would love the children to create something this term to reflect our new enquiry so we can display it in our classrooms!

English

As always, we will be linking our English lessons to enquiry. We are looking forward to seeing more of the amazing ideas and the brilliant imagination children use within their writing. The pieces of extended writing we have completed so far have been great!

During this term, both year groups will be writing a newspaper report about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and a narrative about a natural disaster.

Mathematics

Throughout the next half term, Year 3 and 4 will be covering multiplication and division. They will then start exploring fractions. This entails adding / subtracting fractions, finding fractions of numbers and looking at fraction, decimal and percentage equivalents.

Furthermore, if the children are able to maintain a secure understanding of their times tables, it will prove to be very beneficial in various other areas of maths.

Multiplication Times Table Check

The Year 4 children have been working hard learning and practising their times tables in preparation for the MTC test. The children complete weekly tests and we have encouraged the children to practise their times tables on a regular basis to help increase their recall speed.

As mentioned during the meeting last term, here are some great websites to support your child at home:

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

<https://urbrainy.com/mtc/test#>

https://talkingtimestables.uk/y4_ks2_mtc_practice_tests_multiplication_tables_check.php

Times Table Rockstars is a fantastic resource that the children are familiar with and can be accessed at home. Each child has their own login details in their organisers.



Some other key texts we will be looking at are:

- Escape from Pompei - Christina Balit
- Flood - Alvaro F. Villa
- Bear Grylls Adventures- The Earthquake Challenge Bear Grylls
- Into the volcano - Jess Butterworth.
- Volcanoes - Izzy Howell

Science

In Year 3/4, the children will be covering the topic 'Forces' and 'Light'. They will complete practical investigations that look into the different forces and how they work as well as exploring different types of light and how this can be created.

Physical Education

In Spring term, the Year 3's will start swimming on a Thursday afternoon. Their first session will be on **Thursday 8th January**. Year 3 are still expected to arrive to school in their PE kits on Thursday's to make changing easier for the children.

The children will continue to have their PE lessons on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

DT

Our enhancer subject this term is DT. The children will be creating their own pizza using ingredients that have a long life. The purpose of this product is to raise money for the British Red Cross. The children will also design and create a model of packaging design they would use to transport and sell the pizzas in.

| <u>Key dates</u> | |
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| Year 3 swimming begins | 8 th January |
| Year 3 and 4 Bikeability | 7 th January |
| NSPCC Number Day | 6 th February |
| Individual Pupil Photos | 11 th February |
| Last day of spring 1 – Non-Uniform day | 13 th February |
| INSET Day | 23 rd February |

Thank you for your continued support. Please do keep getting in touch if you have any questions or concerns 😊

The Year 3/4 Team.

