



# YEAR 3/4 NEWSLETTER



## WELCOME BACK

First of all, we would like to welcome everyone back and hope you all had a lovely restful summer! We are looking forward to the year ahead 😊

As a school, we continue to utilise Class Dojo as an amazing tool for communicating with home and school in supporting your children's learning. We will continue to use this as a resource to communicate between home and school. Whilst we aim to reply to messages as soon as we can, this is not always possible. Please be mindful that staff have their families to go home to and spend time with and will not be expected to reply or check messages outside of working hours which are between 8:00am and 5:00pm, Monday-Friday.

If something is particularly important, please contact the school office, as staff may not check our messages until the children have gone home due to teaching commitments. Thank you for your continued support in using Dojo to support our children's learning.

## STAFF

Maple class will be being taught by Miss Morris in the Autumn term and then Miss Houston in the Spring and Summer term. Oak class will be taught by Mrs Hill and Juniper class will be taught by Miss Smith.

We all work very close as a team and although we encourage you to talk to your home class teacher about any questions or concerns, feel free to chat to

## SUBJECTS

### ENGLISH

This half term we are going to begin by securing the understanding of pronouns, adverbs, fronted adverbials and more grammatical features through our writing sequence. We will base our writing around our enquiry of the Stone Age and create: an adventure story, non-chronological report, letter and poem. A constant focus this year will be handwriting and the presentation of work.

### MATHS

In Maths this term we will be learning how to read numbers up to 10,000. This will include comparing and ordering these numbers and understanding how to partition them into their parts (for example; ones, tens, hundreds and thousands). We will also apply this knowledge to adding and subtracting 4-digit numbers using column addition and subtraction. A big focus for us this year in Maths will be times tables and it is essential children are practising these at home as much as possible up to 12x12. We will also be practising these in class to prepare them for the multiplication check next year.

any member of the team. We will try our best to answer your questions there and then or get back to you as soon as possible.

## SCIENCE

This half term the children will be learning about Rocks and Soils. They will be identifying different types of rocks and conducting an experiment to determine the permeability of soil.

## CURRICULUM ENQUIRY

Our curriculum enquiry focusses across the school this term is history. Our curriculum question is: How far have we come? The children will be studying the Stone Age. They will be investigating different artefacts from the Stone Age, identifying how the Stone Age hunter-gatherers communicated and their method of survival.

We will be encouraging the children to produce a piece of creative homework based on the Stone Age to display in our classroom.

## ART/DT

The children will be focusing on Stone Age art. Comparing the materials and tools they used in the past compared to what we use today. They will experiment with different techniques and process to discover, which will be best to create their final art piece. They will be planning and creating a cave style painting to tell a story.

## PE

Our PE days will be on a **Wednesday and Thursday**. On the set PE days your child should come to school in their PE kits. We advise that they wear long tracksuits bottoms as they will be in their kits all day. If you wish to send your child with some shorts, they can change into them before the PE session.

## SWIMMING

We are very excited this year that every child in Key Stage 2 will have a swimming session this year. Year 4 will go in the Autumn term and Year 3 will go in the Spring term. **The Year 4 children will begin their first swimming session on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025.**

Please ensure that your child has their correct swimming kit with them on a Thursday, Nottinghamshire School Swimming Service are very adamant around this. Please refer to the guidance provided on the suitable swimwear which children are expected to wear. The guidance states:

- Boys are required to wear tight fitting trunks or shorts with no pockets and which are no longer than mid-thigh length. Hair tied back to prevent being tangled in lane ropes (if applicable).
- Girls are required to wear a snug-fitting one-piece swimsuit. Hair tied back to prevent being tangled in lane ropes (if applicable).

The policy of Lammas Leisure Centre's is that a child can only wear swimming goggles for their lessons if they have written consent from parents. If you wish for your child to wear goggles please complete the enclosed slip and return it to school.

Ways in which you could support your child at home:

- By the end of Year 4 the children need to know all of their times tables up to and including 12x12 as well as the division facts. For example  $6 \times 4 = 24$   $4 \times 6 = 24$   $24 \div 4 = 6$   $24 \div 6 = 4$ . Children can access the Times Tables Rockstars website to enable them to become more fluent at these. Each child has their own personal log on.
- Another good website for times tables is Maths factor where the children can complete the Y4 check, this looks similar to the MTC they will be taking in June and is great for practising!
- Practise telling the time both on analogue and digital clocks.
- Gain experience of measuring different weight in grams and kilograms when baking or cooking.
- To have a good understanding of money and working out the amounts of change when buying something.
- It is essential that the children practise and can add and subtract using the column method.

Once again, if you have any questions then please come and speak to one of us!

The Year 3/4 Team 