



Welcome to Year 3 & Year 4's Newsletter
Spring 1 2020 - Happy New Year to you all!

Exciting English

Year 3

Year 3 children will be moving onto 'A Diary of a Killer Cat' by Anne Fine. We will be looking at the skills of writing in paragraphs. We will continue to work on handwriting skills and formation of letters.

Year 4

Year 4 will be reading 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl. We will be looking at character descriptions and writing our own chapter of the story.

Marvellous Maths

Year 3

Year 3 children will continue to work on multiplication and division through skills such as grouping and short method. They will then move onto money, learning to add, subtract and give change.

Year 4

This term in Year 4 we will also be continuing to look at multiplication and division. We will be focusing on 6, 7 and 9 times tables and also dividing and multiplying by 0, 1, 10 and 100.

Times Tables

Please can you encourage your children to recall their times tables quickly? It is very important that they know them at speed.

There are lots of games online to help them too, a good one is, 'Hit the Button!' Your children will also have login details for Timetables Rock stars.

Topic Homework.

We will be sending home a sheet with a variety of different activities for the children to do.

Please have a look and support your children to complete some of the activities.

Topic: Predator

This term we will be creating flow charts and finding out how muscles make the bones move. As well as this we will use research to find out more about the peregrine falcon and discover where crocodiles live.

Science: Living things, adaptations and food chains

Following on from our topic on animals, we will be learning about what different types of food and nutrition humans need to eat. We will be completing a food diary to look at in lesson.

RE: How and Why Holy Books are important

In RE, we will be continuing to look at the holy books of focus Islam and Christianity. We will then be moving on to looking at the holy buildings of different religions. We will look at how they are used within the religions and relate this to our own special places and why they are important to us.

MFL: Year 3: Food glorious Food

In French, Year 3 will be continuing naming colours and talking about clothes. We will then move onto talking about naming food, describing food, preparing food and eating food.

MFL: Year 4: Going shopping

In French, Year 4 will be looking at shopping. They will be role playing shop situations, look at clothing and other items they can buy from shops, and describing different types of shops.

ICT:

Children will use ICT to create flow charts. They will create leaflets about various predators and will program algorithms into the Bee Bots. We will continue to stay safe while using the internet.

PSHE:

We will be looking at the topic 'Celebrating Differences.' Year 3 and 4 will learn that everybody's families are different and important to them. They will recognise acts of bullying and how this can be hurtful. They will also look at consequences that follow this.

WOW Day!

Year 3 and 4 will start their Wow day by watching a video of how an owl regurgitates a pellet. Inside these pellets are foods they can't digest.

Other important news.

Our PE topic this half term is athletics. Please remember children should wear a **white t-shirt** and **black bottoms** for PE. They should also have **pumps or trainers**. Kits should be brought into school on a **Monday** and taken home on **Friday**.

Weekly Homework

Please remember homework should be handed in every Monday and children will be issued with homework on Wednesday in their homework book. They are a communication tool for us all. Reading books should be changed weekly and reading records signed also.

Attendance

Please make sure that your child is attending school. We have a weekly prize draw for 100% attendance of cinema tickets and termly treats, for example, film morning.

A reminder: Children should always wear school uniform with black shoes. Children must not wear any jewellery, except a watch and stud earrings.

Bug Club

All children have a login for Bug Club. Can you please encourage your child to log in and read the books which are allocated to them? Questions about what the child is reading can also be found so please encourage your child to answer them.

Fire safety workshop

Year 4 were visited by some of the fire service from Willenhall Fire Station. They spoke to us about how to spot fire hazards, how to keep safe if there is a fire and also how to be safe when out in the community.

