

# Summer Term Newsletter 3/4H



Dear Parents/Carers,

The Summer term promises lots of exciting things, including Year 3 and Year 4 trips and hopefully lots of sunny weather! It's only three weeks now until the Year 4 residential in Langdale and before we know it, Year 3 will be heading out on their end of year trip (whereabouts to be revealed!)



Here are some of the exciting things we are going to be learning about this term. There is also some general class information that will help you support your child in their learning.

Topic - The Maya	<p>This Summer term the children will discover where and when the Maya built their magnificent civilisation. The children will investigate how they lived, their culture and their legacy.</p> 
English	<p>In the coming weeks in English, we will continue with our text-based focus. The texts we will be immersing ourselves in are <i>The Big Book of Beasts</i>, <i>Jemmy Button</i>, <i>Varjak Paw</i> and a marvellous poetry anthology called <i>The Sun Is Laughing</i>. All of these texts will provide lots of opportunities to broaden our learning into a range of themes and topics.</p>
Reading	<p>Children will be reading daily in class in addition to guided reading sessions where they will take part in a range of reading activities. Reading daily at home with your child will really help them with their fluency and understanding. Books will come home each day with your child's reading record. Please remember to sign or make a small comment when you have read at home and ensure that your child comes to school every day with their book and reading record. When your child is read with at school their reading record will be stamped.</p>

Spelling	<p>Each week we will be sending home a list of spellings. In 3/4H, until now we have focussed on learning specific spelling patterns. Your child may have brought home a personalised spelling list, including more common words they find challenging to spell.</p> <p>This term the spellings the children will be bringing home are words they find difficult from the Year 3 and 4 word list so they may appear just a little bit random, but as always, your help in helping the children learn their spellings is invaluable.</p>
Maths	<p>In maths, our initial focus this term will be on deepening understanding of decimals. We will then move onto measures and statistics. Any opportunities around home to use scales, measure things and compare weights and lengths of a variety of objects will really reinforce the children's learning at school. On a weekly basis the children will have an arithmetic session and a times tables test. Our focus on Fridays is shape and geometry.</p>
Science	<p>This term we will be studying Living Things, Animals and Humans. We will be learning how to classify animals and find out what they need to be able to survive in their environment. We will also be learning about food chains and how environments can change as a result of human interference.</p>
PE	<p>On Mondays it will be outdoor PE when the children will be taking part in a range of athletic activities. Indoor PE will be on Wednesdays. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school.</p>
Computing	<p>In computing this term we will create a wiki page based on the topic of e-safety. We'll also be using Purple Mash animation tools to build knowledge and skills in this area of computing.</p>
Art / DT	<p>We will be focussing on our design skills this term by making Mayan masks using mosaics. We'll also be making Central American food and making authentic Mayan cocoa drinks.</p>
Learning logs and homework	<p>There will also be different activities to complete in their Learning Logs related to our topic. Children will have choices as to how they complete their homework, but a guidance sheet will accompany each piece stating the date that the homework should be completed by.</p> <p>These are to be completed in their learning logs unless it is a 3D piece.</p> <p>I will be sending home a maths sheet of homework every Friday. Please can you help your child to complete it for the following Wednesday.</p>

I am available after school should you have anything you'd like to discuss.

Regards

Mr Hobbs