

Year 3 and 4 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you've enjoyed the holidays. This term we have had a few changes to the staff in our Key Stage. In Einstein class, the teacher is Miss Gledhill and the teaching assistant is Mrs. Wilson. In Goodall class, the teacher is Miss. Thorpe and the teaching assistants are Mrs. Driver and Mrs. Bradford. In class Hawking (Y4), the teacher is Mr. Stone and the teaching assistants are Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Navsa.

Our Curriculum

This term, we are learning about 'Standing out from the Crowd' in our Theme lessons. In Science we will learn about forces, by designing and building catapults, chariots and paper planes. We will also be extending our knowledge of circuits. In History and Geography, we will find out where the Romans invaded Britain and their life while here. We will be looking at Italy and the world changing Roman inventions. We will be finding out about women who stood out from the crowd, such as Boudicca. In Computing – we will be producing bar charts and using internet research linked to Romans, Frida Kahlo and Amelia Earhart. In Art and DT, we will create Roman mosaics, create self-portraits in the style of Frida Kahlo and tasting a Roman diet. In English, your child will learn about newspaper articles based on historical events, write letters from a Roman soldier away from home, write and perform haikus and cinquains. We will be reading 'You wouldn't want to be a Roman Soldier' by David Stewart and 'Fantastically Great Women' by Kate Pankhurst. In Maths your child will be learning about multiplication, division and money (with decimals). Please see our school website for further information about our curriculum.

In addition to this we will work with the Outdoor Learning teacher (Mrs. Earnshaw) on Wednesday mornings and the French teacher (Miss Juan) on Wednesdays. We will also have brass lessons on Monday afternoons.



Upcoming Events

January 9

Roman Hook Day.

January 25

Usborne book fair in school.

January 30

Roman Visitor.

February 1

NSPCC Number Day (Non-Uniform: Clothes with a number on).

February 27

Inspiring Person Dress up Day.

March 8

World Book Day.

April 8

End of Term Gallery @ 2:45pm.

School Messages:

Twitter

We have a Year 3 and 4 Twitter account. The Twitter name is @O_year_3_4. Please follow us.

Class Dojo

You should still be able to access your child's dojo account with last year's log in details. Please ask your class teacher if you need another log in invite.

T.T. Rockstars

Your child should be able to log on to T.T. Rockstars with their login details. If you need another login, please ask your class teacher.

PE and Swimming Days

All Lower Key Stage 2 (Y3/4) will have PE on Wednesdays. Your child will need a white top, black shorts and pumps on this day. Year 4 will go swimming on Tuesday afternoons, whilst Year 3 will have PE.

Year 4 will require:

- Trunks (not swimming shorts) or a one piece swimsuit (not a bikini).
- A swimming cap.
- A towel.

Please remember that goggles are not allowed and that earrings need to be removed before coming to school.

Home Reading and Homework.

It is vitally important that your child reads at home regularly and learns to love reading. We believe that this is essential for your child to understand and access all other subjects. Please return book bags and home reading books any day for changing. Your child will receive homework on Thursday and we would like it to be returned on the following Wednesday.

From Friday 25th January to Thursday 31st January there will be another chance to purchase books from the Book Fair.

Water Bottle and Pencil Cases.

We would encourage your child to bring a labelled water bottle to school, so that they can keep hydrated throughout the day. We ask that toys and sweets are not brought into school, but pencil cases are allowed. Finally, please ensure that all jumpers and cardigans have name labels in them.

Outdoor Learning.

We will be working closely with Mrs. Earnshaw for outdoor learning activities on Wednesday mornings. Please ensure that your child has suitable clothing, footwear, hats and sun cream if required.