

Year 3/4 Summer Newsletter 2022

I hope everyone had a lovely Easter break and enjoyed the warm weather.

Key dates:

English and Maths home learning is continuing to be set via Education City, as is TTRockstars and times tables.

However, we are no longer setting daily work for children off with Covid, as there is no longer an isolation period. If your child is off school because they are ill, then there is no expectation for them to do class work.

Any children involved in Mrs O'Neil's or Mrs Davis' Golden times on Fridays will need to come to school in PE/outdoor games kit on Fridays this half term. The children learn their Golden time groups on the first Friday of each half term.

Woodwind music lessons are continuing for those who have started lessons with Mrs Wallace on Mondays. There are several spaces for September starters, if anyone would like to start lessons on the flute, saxophone or clarinet, as the Year 6'ghbs leave. Please enquire at the office.

Rock2thebeat lessons: are going well, and the bands gave us a fantastic concert just before Easter which got us all humming along and toe tapping. Again, there will be several spaces in September when the current Year 6's leave. An email sign-up digital form will be sent out shortly. Arrangements for Rock Band are directly with the Hampshire Music Service teachers via email.

Hindu Vedic Temple visit, Southampton:

Wednesday morning 25th May: Year 3

Thursday morning 26th May: Year 4

Sports Day: Thursday 30th June: afternoon at the Cricket Ground

Maths:

All pupils are continuing to work on fractions, and the Year 4's are now exploring decimals. We will be covering time, money, shape, and revisiting the four number operations this term. If you can support your child with counting coins/giving change and with learning to tell the time, that would be very much appreciated.

Please will you help your child to learn their times tables, especially Year 4 children, as knowledge of these will really help your child to complete their calculations more easily and quickly in class. All Year 4 pupils across the country will be taking a times table test in June, which will be taken on computers (hence the importance of TTRockstars as practice). We have seen huge progress in times table knowledge from many children, so thank you for your support.

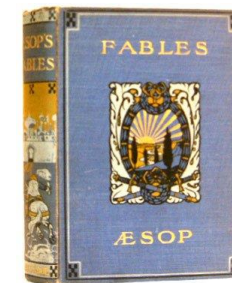
A text to let you know which times tables to learn is sent out on a Monday, to be tested out of order the following Friday. TTRockstars has been set for all children in 3/4, and using this platform regularly will really improve their speed of recall. Teachers have log-in details if you are unsure how to access this. Remember the children need to learn them out of order.

All children should be proficient in the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, as this is a Year 2 target. Year 3's have now also covered 3, 4 and 8's. Year 4's should know 3, 4 and 8's from Year 3 (and last term) and are now consolidating the rest: 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12!

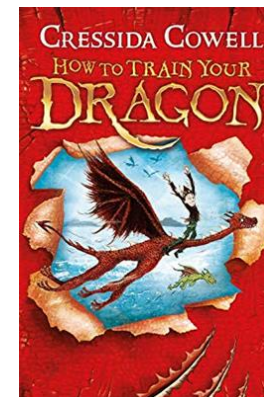
Thank you for your support in this.

English:

We have started this term with a Literacy Shed film, 'Teeth', where we have looked at describing a setting and writing a dialogue. We will move onto the Literacy Shed film, 'Ride of Passage'. After this, our focus will be to explore a number of Aesop's Fables, such as 'The hare and the Tortoise', when we will be looking at script writing. Perhaps you could find other Aesop's fables or stories with morals to share?



After half term, one of our texts will be, 'How to Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell when we will be looking at instruction writing.



PE/Games:

We would like to remind everyone to come into school in their PE clothes on their PE/Games days. Later in the term, it may be necessary to bring in sun cream and a sun hat; the children already have access to their water bottles in outdoor games. We will start this half term with tennis skills outdoors, followed by athletics in Summer 2 and in PE, children are starting a dance unit ;'Strictly'.

These are your class's days:

ALL 3/4 children have indoor PE on Mondays.

Mars: Outdoor games on Tuesday

Jupiter: Outdoor games on Wednesday

Mercury: Outdoor games on Friday

Please can all long hair be tied up for both PE and games sessions.



RE:

We will continue looking at Hinduism, and will be visiting a Vedic Temple to watch a Hindu service in Southampton to see how other religions worship. We will not be taking part in the worship but we will be sitting at the back of the hall and observing from a distance.

After half term we will finish with Christianity and the Kingdom of God.

Topic:

We have started our new topic on Anglo-Saxons and have started to explore why the Anglo-Saxons came to England. We will be considering evidence about King Alfred the Great and the Saxon justice system. Perhaps you could explore the Anglo-Saxon links to Christchurch: eg 'Saxon' Square and the stocks by the old Priory!



After half term, we will continue with a history focus, with our topic on 'The Vikings'; what they looked like, where they invaded and settled, what evidence there is of Viking settlements, etc.

Science:

Our science this half term is all about plants and their growing conditions. We will be experimenting with growing several different types of seeds in varying conditions. Perhaps you could sow some seeds at home and see how well they grow and what you need to do to help them grow their best!



French:

Our Learning in French will be finishing last term's unit on fruit and vegetables, then we will be starting a unit on 'au cafe'.

PHSE:

We will be covering the unit on 'Relationships'.

Home Learning:

Please will you check that you are familiar with the home learning expectations for Years 3 and 4:

- Daily reading: read daily at home and record this on a reading record. Please bring the book into school every day.
- Times tables: learn the set times tables for a test on a Friday (text sent out on a Monday).
- Spellings: learn to spell the list of words (given on a Monday on paper and also listed on Google Classroom) to be tested on Fridays.
- Education City: An English and a Maths activity is set every Wednesday and will close the following Tuesday. Please log on to access these.
- Some children also have 'Nessy' to help improve their spelling, please encourage them to access this 3 or 4 times a week at home

If you do not know any of your child's log-ins, please ask their class teacher.

We hope for a lovely sunny summer term with lots of outdoor time; eating pack lunches outside and making the most of breaks and Games sessions.

Happy summer term!
From the Year 3/4 Team.

