

# KS2 Newsletter

## Year 3 and Year 4

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### English

Since half term Year 3 have been finishing their narrative unit writing stories and editing them. Alongside this they have been focusing on the structure of sentences and using correct punctuation.

Year 4 are currently learning about the features of play scripts, to prepare for writing their own. They have learned about scene headings, stage directions, and dialogue. They are continuing to read play scripts so that they can get a good idea about their structure and how they work. They have also been doing lots of role play to learn about drama and learn how to properly use a play script.

### Maths

Year 3 have been adding and subtracting numbers with up to three digits. They have focused a lot of this work towards problem solving and looking at problems that include time, money and measurement.

Year 4 have been learning about time and how to convert its different units. They have done a lot of tricky questions that involve converting seconds to minutes, minutes to hours, hours to days, and weeks to years. It's been a challenge, but everyone has worked really hard.

### Values

This week the children have learnt about how and why we commemorate Remembrance Day. They showed very great respect in our special assembly and two minutes silence on Wednesday.

### Children in Need

Thank you so much for your support today. The children met Pudsey when he visited school last week and have had lots of fun today.

### Science

Year 3 children will be starting their new topic of 'Rocks'. In this unit, the children will learn about different types of soil and rock as well as discover how fossils are made.

Year 4 children have started their new topic of 'Animals, including humans.' This unit focuses on the digestive system, from teeth to the intestines. The children have demonstrated a good understanding and have some interesting questions to which they would like to find out the answers.

### ICE zone

#### Design Technology

Lots of fabulous learning has continued in the ICE zone, a highlight of which has been learning about the Roman army and designing replica Roman shields. Every child will make a life size shield and, in fact, construction of most of them is already almost complete. The children are using their measuring, cutting and scoring skills to make the shape of the shield and then have to make their own decisions about how and where to fix the shield boss and the handle. Before long there will be enough shields for an army and the children will be able to use them out on the playground to practise army formations!