

KS2 Newsletter

Year 3 and Year 4



© 15/1/2016 Welcome back and Happy New Year!

English

Year 3 are starting their brand new narrative unit focusing on the genre of mystery.

Year 4 are learning how to incorporate fantasy elements into their narrative writing. They have begun to work on their use of paragraphs by writing about falling through portals to magical worlds.

Both classes are focusing on accurate spelling this term using a daily new Read, Write, Inc spelling programme. It includes exciting video clips from the 'Spelling Planet' with aliens called Zeta, Gamma and Mu. This week they have been learning about prefixes which are groups of letters which can be added to the front of words to change the meaning
e.g. happy – unhappy.

Science

Year 3 have been finishing their soils unit and have been starting to learn about fossils.

Year 4 have started their new unit 'sound' and have been exploring vibrations.

Maths

Year 3 are working on time and converting time from analogue clocks to the 12-hour clock, to the 24-hour clock and Roman numeral clock. They continue to focus on multiplication and have a classroom challenge every Monday!

Year 4 are starting a brand new unit on fractions, learning how to represent fractions in various ways and understand their meaning.

PE

Year 3 and 4 have both started learning a new Canadian and North American game called kickball which incorporates aspects of both baseball and football. They have been learning how to properly roll and catch and have really enjoyed themselves!

Year 3 have Games on Monday and Year 4 on Friday. Both classes have table tennis on Thursdays; this is taught by an external coach.

ICE zone

Our new topic for this half term is Anglo-Saxons; the ICE Zone is ready to go and we have many exciting activities for the children including research, Geography, History, Art and Design Technology. Please ask your children about what they have learnt already!

Mr Cornell (the DLPT artist in residence) has been working with each child this week and will be back next week to use their art work as a basis for printing.

Reminders

- Because of the Winter weather please can all children have wellies and an outdoor PE kit (long joggers and a warm top), plus gloves and hats on particularly cold days.
- We have been notified that there may be head lice in school so please check your child's hair this weekend.