

Year 3 and Year 4 Summer 2 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

How have we made it to the final term of the year already? We cannot believe it!

Thank you for all your support during our last topic, particularly to those parents who offered their expertise and gave the children some exciting and engaging experiences. We have really enjoyed travelling the world with Phileas Fogg and have sped through the highlights of Paris, San Francisco and, finished up our tour in the southern city of Spain, Cordoba. The children have really immersed themselves in our focus text, and have enjoyed researching human and physical features of different parts of the world and sketching their favourite views as the term has progressed (we have some very budding artists in the making!)

Were the Greeks really groovy?

Our final topic for the year (yes, final!!), is focusing on the *Ancient Greeks* with history being the driving force behind the topic. Across the term, we will be looking into Greek myths and legends, as well as researching famous Greek mathematicians and scientists. In art, we hope to design and create our own Greek mosaics inspired by Greek pottery and in computing we are looking forward to document our learning and research, concluding in a PowerPoint presentation about our findings. There is lots to look forward to, including our phase trip to Stoke on Trent Potteries, so let's keep up the fantastic work and end the year in a groovy and great, way!

Uniform

The children continue to come to school looking smart and are taking pride in their uniform. Could you please make sure all names are written inside the uniform as already we have had some cardigans and jumpers reported lost, also take note if your child may have taken another person's uniform home by accident. As a staff, we always remind the children to look after their belongings and are often carrying a jumper behind one or two pupils on the way out of school!

PE

Please refer to the whole school reminder on PE kits to ensure that your child is following regulations. This year the children will have PE on a **Thursday** if they are in Mrs Pettifer's topic group and on a **Friday** if in Miss Dickson or Miss Coxhead's topic group. A gentle reminder that earrings need to be removed for PE lessons, therefore ensure children come to school without their earrings or teach your child to take out and put them back in after the PE lesson.

Music

All children will take part in a music lesson on Friday mornings. Year 3 will be taught the recorder. This is a great instrument to learn and we ask that all year 3s **please bring a recorder into school from home with the child's name clearly visible.**

Year 4 will be taught the trumpet, ukulele and recorder on a termly basis and on a rotation system with music teachers from The Beckett High School. Again, hopefully Year 4 should have their recorders from last year but the trumpet and ukulele will be loaned out to children.

Reading

The children will be continuing to use the same Summer reading diary as last half term. This, as previously, comes along with a new reading book. Please make sure you hear your children read and make a note in their reading diary. We will listen to your child read at least twice per week but the more practice they get reading aloud the better as reading is vital in all subjects across the curriculum. Children have been given a Junior Librarian log in to enable us to keep track of the books children are taking home to read. It is really important that they look after these books and return them in good condition. Help us to encourage your child to log these books in and out of school as lost books incur a fine (we hope, for your sakes, that this is avoided).

Reading Diary

We will continue to use the blue reading diary to send messages home, please ensure you read the diary and sign it each week. If you would like to send us a message, please use the diary as we will check it every day e.g. changes in how the child is getting home, appointments, changes to lunch times etc.

Homework is attached in the front of the diary – the children really enjoy celebrating their homework with their class and we appreciate the time it takes. The homework is produced in a project form which should take 3-4 weeks to complete – a few hours for research and planning, and then a further few hours for completing and finalising. There are also reading, maths and spelling challenges to do over the term that do not always need to be handed in but will be tested throughout the lessons.

Your child's targets for the term will also be attached to the front of the diary in the Outcomes booklet. These have been updated with this half-term's outcomes so please check to see what we are hoping your child achieves by the end of this term.

WOW Day

Look out for information in Reading Diary.

Dates for the Diary

29th June- FHC mass 9.30am

6th July- Sports day (Reserve 13th)

11th and 12th July- Class swaps (8.50-11.30)

21st July- Leavers mass 10.30am followed by family picnic

*please keep an eye out in diaries and whole school newsletters for any additional dates.

We hope your children are looking forward to this topic as much as we are. Any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your support.

Kind Regards

Mrs Pettifer, Miss Dickson, Miss Coxhead and all the teaching assistants in

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