



# Year 3/4 Newsletter

Burton Joyce Primary School

## Summer 1

Welcome back! We hope you all had a fabulous Easter break. Last term the children worked incredibly hard getting used to school routines and remembering what school is all about! They did an excellent job of recalling prior learning and applying their knowledge brilliantly in their independent work. We have got another exciting half term planned for the summer and we can't wait to see how the children continue to extend their knowledge and respond to their learning.

Our topic for this half term will be our Geography based topic **What is special about the UK?**

*Below is an outline of the subjects we will cover this half term:*

**Science-** Plants. We will be exploring the different parts of a flowering plant, what plants need to live and grow, water transportation in plants and seed dispersal.

**Geography-** Looking at human and physical features of countries within the UK. Mainly focusing on hills and mountains, rivers and surrounding seas and using a range of aerial photographs, OS maps and atlases to locate special things within the UK.

**DT-** Mechanical systems. Children will create a moving Loch Ness monster model using a pneumatic system.

**PSHE-** Relationships. The children will be discussing how to solve friendships problems, how to show respect to others and to help people feel part of a group and how to help themselves or others if they are hurt.

**P.E.-** Tag Rugby and Tennis

**Computing-** e-safety and data handling

**R.E.** The children will be finding out about the biblical characters Jonah, Esther and Joseph. They will be reading and discussing their stories.

**Music** The children will be using hand chimes to perform simple pieces of music as a class. They will begin to read standard notation and use it to compose their own pieces of music.

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### Reminder 1

Please remember to send your child with a labelled waterbottle everyday.

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### Reminder 2

Please label all items of clothing clearly so we can return misplaced items to your child.

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### Reminder 3

PE will be outside whenever possible so please send your child with warm PE clothing and outdoor trainers.

**English** In English this half term, we will be looking at the text 'Journey' which is a wordless picture book. We will be using visual literacy to describe settings and characters, creating dialogue between characters before going on to writing our version of the story based on inferring ideas from the pictures. Following this, we will move onto poetry; we will read poems, identify poetic features and write our own.

**Maths** This half term **Year 3** will be focusing on money and time. **Year 4** will be focusing on decimals, money and multiplication and division. The children will also continue to have weekly arithmetic and times table activities to complete. We will continue to have a big focus on children's times tables as they are expected to know up to 12x tables by the end of year 4.

**Spelling:** As a reminder year 3 children can choose whether to learn the good, great or even better. Year 4 children can choose any of the columns. Please encourage your children to challenge themselves. They will also receive teaching in class about each set of spellings prior to each spelling test.

**PE** will continue to be every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon for year 3 and 4.

**Homework** This half terms learning grid and resources can be found on your child's Teams account. Any work/photos of work completed can be uploaded onto their account. Please continue to encourage your children to select the activities they wish to complete over the half term and aim to earn at least 20 stars. This will include tasks that must be completed weekly still e.g. spelling, reading, times tables. All logins for any online subscriptions including their Teams login details are in your child's reading record.

**Reading:** The children understand the school expectation that they read with an adult at home 3 times a week; this should be noted in their reading record. This reading does include books or other forms of text that the children own at home, as well as their school book. We have a reading challenge in class to reward the children for reading 3 times a week at home. Please can all children bring their reading book and reading record into school every day.

#### **Other Messages:**

- If your child is ill/suspected to be ill with chickenpox can you please keep your child at home and contact the office immediately.
- If possible could you please collect a range of washing up liquid bottles, egg boxes and small boxes to support the children in their design technology project.

Finally..

Should you wish to discuss anything about your child's education and wellbeing, please call/email the office to arrange an appointment. We will also have parents evening online on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

Miss Houghton, Miss Hunter, Mrs Ahearne and Mrs Langdown