



Year 3/4 Newsletter

Burton Joyce Primary School

Summer 2

Welcome back! We're hoping the rest of the summer term brings us some sunshine! Last half term the children worked incredibly hard and loved learning new topics based around our enquiry questions. We have been trialing some spaced retrieval practice as part of our science work for the children to retain information and link to their prior learning. We have been incredibly impressed with the results; the children have been talking so confidently and scientifically about plants! Therefore, we shall continue this in science and history this half term.

Our topic for this half term will be our History based topic 'What happened to the Indus Civilisation?'

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

Science- The children will be focusing on sound. They will be working scientifically to investigate how sounds are made, how we can change sound by altering the pitch and to discover if distance or material will affect the volume of sound.

History- Looking at where the Indus civilization was and who the Indus people were. Using artefacts and theories from a range of historians to figure out why the Indus civilization came to an end.

DT- Textiles- children will be making a 3D product from a 2D design. They will use back stitch to sew their own bag.

PSHE- Changing me. Looking at how animals and humans change as they grow.

P.E.-Athletics and rounders

Computing Coding for life - The children will continue their journey through coding using the app Tynker. They will be applying their programming knowledge to play and evaluate a games challenge.

R.E. We will be telling the story of Moses, the exodus and the 10 commandments as well as finding out about Passover.

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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 suitable PE clothing and outdoor trainers.

Music We will continue to learn how to read music notation and play simple tunes on glockenspiels.

English In English this half term, we will be looking at persuasive texts focusing on using persuasive language, imperative verbs, rhetorical questions, repetition, and expanded noun-phrases. This will then build to create a text to persuade children in our school to learn simple sign language. We will also be looking at a range of play scripts and creating our own.

Maths This half term **Year 3** will be focusing on time, shape and statistics. **Year 4** will be focusing on multiplication and division strategies and shape. 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.

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.
- In our design technology sessions children will be sewing two pieces of material together to create a bag. We have material in school for this, however if your child wishes to use material from home they are more than welcome to use this provided it isn't too stiff to get their needles through!

Finally..

Should you wish to discuss anything about your child's education and wellbeing, please call/email the office to arrange an appointment.

Miss Houghton, Miss Hunter, Mrs Ahearne and Mrs Langdown