



Year 3/4 Newsletter

Burton Joyce Primary School

Autumn 1

Welcome to Year 3 and 4! We hope you all had an enjoyable and restful summer, ready to start a new academic year. It has been a pleasure getting to know your children over the last couple of days, they have all settled in remarkably well and are enjoying the new challenge of the Year 3/4 curriculum.

Our topic for this half term will be a geography-based topic called 'What makes a mountain?'

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

Science- Animals including humans. Identifying nutritional needs and learning that some animals and humans have skeletons and muscles for protection, support and movement.

Geography- Throughout this half term the children will answer the question 'What makes a mountain?' We will explore what a mountain is, the features of a mountain, how mountains are formed as well as mountain climates.

DT- Exploring, designing and creating our own soup using a range of healthy ingredients. This will also include taste testing before designing, please inform us of any allergies your child has that school are not already aware of.

PSHE- 'Being me in my world' this unit aims to teach children how to work in a team, what our school community is and understanding democracy.

P.E. - Year 4 swimming and handball. Year 3 handball and basketball.

Computing E-safety and coding.

R.E. Looking at inspirational people- Jesus, Moses and Muhammed

Music Year 4 -Ukulele Year 3- Carnival of the animals, children will have the opportunity to compose their own piece 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 suitable PE clothing and outdoor trainers.

English In English this half term, we will begin by reading an adventure story called "The Mountain of Adventure" by Enid Blyton. We will focus on expanded noun-phrases, fronted adverbials and punctuation. We will use these skills to describe settings and characters when writing our own chapter. Following on from this we will explore features of non-fiction texts including biographies, before going on to create our own.

Maths Year 3 and 4 children are taught in year groups for maths. This half term we will be focusing on number and place value. The children will also have weekly arithmetic and times table activities to complete. We will be having 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: Weekly spellings will be stuck into your child's planner each Friday (**planners are due to arrive soon!**); these will be tested the following Friday. Year 3 children can choose whether to learn the good, great or even better. Year 4 children can choose any of the columns (for the first two weeks all children will learn the same spellings). 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 term's 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 planner.

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 school planner. This reading does include books or other forms of text that the children own at home, as well as their school reading 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 planner into school every day.

Swimming: Year 4 will have swimming lessons starting on Wednesday 8th September, they will have 9 sessions then year 3 will attend. Separate letters will be sent out regarding school swimming lessons.

Other Messages:

- We will be having a meet the teacher evening soon on Tuesday 21st September at 4pm and 5pm it would be great if you could pop along to see the structure of year 3/4, your child's teacher and see your child's classroom environment.

We hope you feel that your child has settled into Year 3/4 well and is happy at school. Should you wish to discuss anything about your child's education and wellbeing, please pop in or call/email the office to arrange an appointment.

Miss Houghton, Miss Hunter, Mrs Ahearne, Mrs Langdown and Mrs Robinson