



Year 3/4 Newsletter

Burton Joyce Primary School

Autumn 2

Welcome back we hope you have all had an enjoyable half term break. The children worked brilliantly last half term and continually impressed us with retaining and recalling prior learning. We were very impressed with everyone who took part on our reading challenge and tried hard to read at least 3 times a week. A new reading challenge is ready and waiting for this half term!

Our topic for this half term will be a History-based topic called '**Who were the Mayans?**'

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

Science- Electricity. Identify appliances that run on electricity, construct a simple circuit, use switches within a circuit.

History- Throughout our History lessons this term we will explore when and where the Mayan's lived, how Mayan civilisation changed over time, Mayan achievements and society.

Art- Based on the Mexican artist Frida Kahlo. Children will be sketching a self portrait and using oil paints to add colour in the style of Frida Kahlo.

PSHE- 'Celebrating difference' this unit aims to teach children not to judge by appearances, understanding influences and understanding bullying.

P.E.- Year 4 swimming will continue until 17th November and Year 3 swimming will commence Wednesday 24th November. In addition to swimming, the other PE sessions will focus on gymnastics and athletics.

Computing E-safety (anti-bullying) and photography.

R.E. Investigating Jesus and his impact on the Christian community around the world.

Music Year 4 -Ukulele. Year 3- Will complete their work on composing a piece of music on 'Carnival of the Animals'. All the children in Year 3 and 4 will be learning songs to perform in our Christmas production.

English In English this half term, we will begin by reading the Mayan myth 'The Chocolate Tree' we will be retelling this myth and writing our own version. Children will learn about structuring their writing, using subordinating clauses and descriptive vocabulary. We will use these skills to describe settings and characters when writing our own myth. Following on from this we will explore features of non-fiction text including explanations and link this into our science work.

Maths Year 3 and 4 children are taught in year groups for maths. This half term we will be focusing on addition and subtraction, multiplication and division. 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: As a reminder, weekly spellings will be stuck into your child's planner every Friday. 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

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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.

(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 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 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 continue to have swimming lessons until Wednesday 17th November, Year 3 will begin their swimming lessons on 24th November, a separate letter has been sent home already.

Other Messages:

- Anti-bullying week commences on 15th November. We will be discussing different scenarios throughout this week and also throughout the half term in our PSHE sessions.
- Christmas production information will follow shortly.

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