



# Year 3/4 Newsletter

Burton Joyce Primary School

## Autumn 2

Welcome back! We hope you all had a great half term break. Firstly, we would like to thank you so much for all your support last half term, we had so many children achieving at least 3 reads a week, lots of children accessing Spelling Shed and TTRS. We also received some fantastic homework which the children enjoyed sharing with each other.

Our topic for this half term will be our history-based topic '**Who first lived in Britain?**' focusing on the Stone-Age, Bronze-Age and Iron-Age.

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

**Science** Rocks, Soils and Fossils. Children will compare and group together different kinds of rocks based on their appearance and simple physical properties. Describe in simple terms how fossils are formed, when things that have lived are trapped within rock. Recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.

**History** Chronology using a timeline, looking at historical interpretations and evidence, looking at how life was different for different people in the past. We will explore the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age, focusing on when it was and what life was like during each period.

**Design Technology** - Pneumatics. We will be exploring pneumatic systems and creating a moving mascot controlled with a pneumatic system. We would be hugely grateful if children could bring in an egg box or a burger box. We also require a squeezey type bottles such as a empty sports drink bottle or washing liquid bottle.

**PSHE**- celebrating differences. Children will be looking at stereotypes, understanding bullying, making new friends and diversity.

**P.E.** Gymnastics/orienteering outdoor tasks (Y3/4) Swimming

**Computing** E-safety- online bullying and coding. Using the Tynker app.

**R.E.** Christianity and Hinduism. Children will explore the symbolism of light in both the Christian and Hindu religions.

**Music** Ukulele (Y4)- learning to play an instrument and read sheet music. (Y3) Continuing with composing and evaluating performances using African call and response, using the musical vocabulary they have learnt. We will then be working on our Christmas school performance!

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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, we will start the half term of using the text 'Stone Age Boy' focusing on setting descriptions and fronted adverbials. We will also revisit using direct speech (which we explored in autumn 1). Later in the half term, we will be learning about Skara Brae (a stone built neolithic settlement) and will be creating a non-fiction text using the information we learn. At the end of the half term, we will be writing a biography about Mary Anning (fossil hunter)

**Maths** This half term **year 3** will be focusing on further addition and subtraction using a column method alongside other methods such as using number lines and part whole models. We will then move onto multiplication and division mainly focusing on x3, x4 and x8 tables. **Year 4** will be focusing on area and multiplication. We will be looking at the 6,7, 9-, 11- and 12-times tables. 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. Just a reminder, that year 4 children will have a multiplication check early summer term.

**Spelling:** Children will continue to receive a copy of their spellings in their planners and also a paper copy to practice at home. Spelling Shed will also have assignments directly linked to each week's spellings.

**PE** will continue to be every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon for year 3 and 4. Year 4 swimming will continue until Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Further information for year 3 swimming will be sent nearer the time.

**Homework** This half term's learning grid and resources can be found on your child's Teams account (see separate letter). 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 reading record. This reading does include books or other forms of text that the children own at home, as well as their schoolbook. 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:**

- Stone Age day Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December (a letter to follow)
- Xmas performance dates 19<sup>th</sup> December 2pm and 5pm

Finally..

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

Mrs Pickard, Mrs Guerbaouy, Mrs Ahearne, Mrs Jepson and Mrs Robinson