



# Year 3/4 Newsletter

Burton Joyce Primary School

## Spring 1, 2023

Welcome back! We hope you all had a fabulous Christmas break. Last term the children worked incredibly hard and produced lots of fantastic work! 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 spring 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 'Why do people go on holiday to Europe?'

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

**Science-** Light. Children will be learning how we see light, reflective materials and how shadows are formed. They will be carrying out investigations into how shadows change.

**Geography-** Looking at human and physical features of countries within Europe including landmarks, using an eight-point compass, climate zones in Europe, recalling capital cities of European countries and using all of this knowledge to answer the question 'Why do people go on holiday to Europe?'

**Art -** We will be looking at shadow art by Kumi Yamashita. We will learn how to create and record shadows using different mediums, such as sketching and photography.

**PSHE-**Celebrating differences.

**P.E.-** Gymnastics and Drumba (yr 4) swimming (y3).

**Computing-** E-safety and data handling.

**R.E.** Hinduism. Children will be learning about Hindu festivals and worship.

**Music** We will be looking at the music of Vivaldi and his Four Seasons and comparing this to a more modern piece by an Argentinian composer. We will be discussing how the music makes us feel. Ukulele (Y4)- learning to play an instrument and read sheet music.

**English** In English this half term, we are reading the text 'Red Riding Hood' and focusing on using the past tense correctly as well as apostrophes for possession. The children will be writing their own version of the story with a different ending. We will also be writing to persuade people to go on holiday to a particular country in Europe.

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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.

**Maths:** This half term **Year 3 and 4** will be continuing to focus on multiplication and division before moving onto length and perimeter. 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. Swimming for year 3 shall continue from Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January.

**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 planner. 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:**

- Parents evening to be held in classrooms- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January

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 on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> of January.

Mrs Pickard, Mrs Guerbaouy, Mrs Ahearne and Mrs Jepson.