



Year 3/4 Newsletter

Burton Joyce Primary School

Summer 1, 2023

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful Easter break. We are looking forward to the summer term and hopefully the children will be just as enthused and engaged as they were last half term.

Our topic for this half term will be our Geography based topic **'What is special about the UK?'**

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

Science: In Science we will be finding out about the different parts of a plant and their functions as well investigating what plants need to grow and how water travels through plants. The children will learn about the processes of pollination and seed dispersal.

Geography: In geography this half term, we are exploring what is special about the UK. We will be revisiting the four countries of the UK from Key Stage 1, as well as remembering their capital cities. We will also be learning about counties in the UK and human and physical features. We will end the unit with some fieldwork skills, identifying how our local area has changed over time.

Art: In Art we will be exploring the printing process and in particular, block printing. We will be designing, creating and printing our own local, nature inspired prints and relating this to the artist Hokusai.

PSHE- relationships. Learning about healthy and positive relationships with family and friends. Children will also learn about their rights and responsibilities as a global citizen and how these may vary with other children around the world.

P.E. Will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and will be continuing badminton and football.

Computing: e-safety will be focusing on online relationships and self-image. Children will also be learning about using search engines and how to search the internet safely and effectively.

R.E. The children will be finding out about brave people in the Bible through looking at the stories of Noah, Hannah and David.

Music: Within Music this term we will be continuing to explore musical timbre and compose our own piece of music. This will be percussion based, using poetry about the wind, as our inspiration. We will also be exploring musical terminology and applying this to music that we listen to.

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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 this half term we will be using the wordless picture book 'Journey' children will explore the story and think about the characters thoughts and emotions throughout the story, they will then use these ideas to create a diary from the point of view of the main character. Later on in the half term children will be looking at a selection of poems and identifying their features.

Maths: This half term **Year 3** will be continuing to learn about fractions before moving onto money and time. **Year 4** will be continuing their learning about decimals, before moving onto money and time.

Timestables: As always, times tables continue to be a big focus for year 3/4. Year 4 children will sit their Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) in June. We are doing lots of extra practice at school with all children and are incredibly proud of the children and the hard work they're putting into this. Year 3 children also benefit from this too. Any additional practice at home would be beneficial.

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 Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. Children will need full PE kit suitable for outdoor activities.

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 colour banded book. Children also have the opportunity to take home a 'love of reading' book, this is a free choice book that they may wish to share with someone at home.

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: Tuesday 25th April and Thursday 27th April in classrooms.
- On Monday 15th of May, we will be going on a village walk as part of our geography work, and will be looking for some parent helpers. A message with further details on will come out nearer the time.
- Just a gentle reminder to arrive at school ready to come in at 8:50am, as we do spend the first 10 minutes of every day retrieving prior learning.

Thank you for your continued support.

The year 3/4 team.