



Year 3/4 Newsletter

Burton Joyce Primary School

Autumn 1, 2023

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.

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- '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 dance.

Computing E-safety and coding.

R.E. Looking at brave people in the bible- Noah, Abraham and David.

Music Year 4 -Ukulele Year 3- We will be looking at pitch and shape within a song. We will also be identifying the pentatonic scale and accompanying a song with percussion and voice.

English In English this half term, we will be looking at a portal story called 'Elf Road', children will have a go at creating their own portal story focusing on setting description. Children will be looking at performance poetry in preparation for our Harvest Festival at church. We will also be looking at non chronological reports linked to black history month, children will have a go at presenting information in their own report.

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.

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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.

Spelling: Your child will be sent home with a spelling sheet each week which will have spellings based around a spelling rule. We are focusing on the children practicing the rule rather than just knowing how to spell those specific words. Children will be tested every Friday on 6 out of the 10 spellings sent home, then also be given one or two challenge words using the rule they have learnt. On the back of the spelling sheet there will be a spelling activity which can be handed in the following Friday. Children will also have a copy of the spellings in the back of their planners each week and also have their Spelling Shed login, so they can access the online assignments each week that link to the spelling rules. Children tend to enjoy playing games on spelling shed and it helps lots with learning their spellings!

Homework This half terms learning grid and resources can be found on your child's **Teams account** and a further copy will be sent via email. Any work/photos of work completed can be uploaded onto their account or brought into school on the last week before the October half term. 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 (WILD About Reading) 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 13th September**, they will have 9 sessions then year 3 will attend. Separate letters will be sent out regarding school swimming lessons.

Other Messages:

- We hope you found our 'Meet the teacher' evening on Thursday 7th of September informative. Please don't worry if you were unable to attend. All information is included in this newsletter.
- Harvest Festival assembly in church 5th of October at 09:30am, more information to follow.

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.

Mrs Pickard, Mrs Guerbaouy, Miss Webb, Mrs Jepson and Mrs Robinson