



Burton Joyce Primary

Autumn 2 in Year 3/4

English

In English this half term, we will begin by reading the Maya folk tale 'The Chocolate Tree'. We will explore the characters and write our own character descriptions using rich vocabulary, expanded noun phrases and similes. Following this, we will move on to newspaper reports, where we will explore the features before going on to plan and write our own. We will end the term looking at some winter poetry.



Science

States of matter.

In this unit we will be investigating the differences between solids, liquids, and gases and how they change state. We will be learning about the water cycle and how to carry out our own investigation.



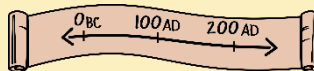
Welcome Back

Welcome back we hope you have all had an enjoyable half term break. The children worked brilliantly last half term and we were very impressed with everyone who took part on our reading challenge and tried hard to read at least 3 times a week.

Our topic for this half term will be a History-based topic called 'Who were the Ancient Maya and how did their civilisation change over time?'

History

Throughout our History lessons this term we will explore when and where the Ancient Maya lived, how the Maya civilisation changed over time, Maya achievements and society.

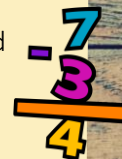


Maths

Year 3- Consolidating learning on addition and subtraction. Beginning multiplication and division.

Year 4- Multiplication and division and understanding and calculating area. Children will also consolidate their learning on place value.

Times tables: [Multiplication Tables Check - 2023 - Timestables.co.uk](https://www.timestables.co.uk)



Computing

E-safety- Online bullying. What it is and what to do if it happens. Excluding people from chats/groups.

Coding- We will be using Tynker to develop skills to be able to write an algorithm to solve a problem.



DT

Exploring, designing and creating our own soup using a range of healthy ingredients. This will also include taste testing before designing, please inform us of any allergies your child has that school are not already aware of.





PE

- PE will continue to be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
- Year 4 will continue swimming until 22nd November and Year 3 will begin on Wednesday 29th November.
- This half term the focus for PE will be dance and gymnastics.



Spellings

Week 1- suffix '-ation'

Week 2- suffix '-ation'

Week 3- suffix '-ly'

Week 4- suffix '-lly'

Week 5- words where '-ch' makes the 'sh' sound

Week 6- challenge words



Music



In music this half term, we will be composing our own music in the style of a football song using beat, rhythm, and notation. In addition to this, we will be using our performance skills to get ready for your Christmas performance.

PSHE



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

RE

Investigating Jesus.

Looking at key events in his life, what he might have looked like and his influence on others.



Dates to remember...

- Anti-bullying week commences on 13th November. Children can wear odd socks on the Monday to start the week off.
- Parents evening will be on Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th November.
- Year 3 will begin swimming on 29th November.
- Our year 3/4 Christmas Production will be on Thursday 19th December at 2pm and 5pm. Further information on all above dates will be sent out soon.

Have a great
half term

