



Year 4 Newsletter - Term 2

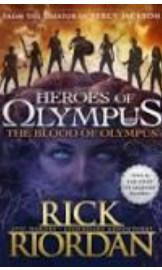
Welcome to Term 2! We hope you had a restful break. This term is full of exciting learning opportunities, and lots of festivities to look forward to! Thank you for supporting your child at home with their learning - it makes an enormous difference to their experiences in school. Please find below most of the important features of what we will be covering in Year 4 this term.

Please remember to pack your child a fruit or vegetable snack for breaktime, **sweets and chocolate are not permitted**. We expect the weather to become much colder and wetter over this term. Please can you ensure your child brings in a **waterproof coat with a hood every day**, and named gloves and scarves.

Can you please make sure your child brings a named water bottle to school every day. No flavoured water or juice please.

Coelho Class
Mrs Potts/Mrs Mynard

Riordan Class
Miss Crumble



Home learning opportunities

A reminder to continue daily reading with your children at home. We recommend a minimum of 15 minutes. We also recommend daily practice of spellings on Spelling Shed and times tables practice using Times Tables Rockstars – there will be competitions this term for the most correct answers, so get practising!

Maths

In Maths we will be continuing our learning efficient subtraction methods and move on to estimating answers and using the inverse to check strategies. We will then be moving on to learning Multiplication and Division facts. Our times tables focus will be on the 3, 6, 9s. Finally, we will learn measurement and how to calculate the area of a shape.

Science

Our question is 'What are the states of matter?' The children will learn to recognise and describe solids, liquids and gases. They will learn about the process of changing state and investigate melting points and freezing points. They will understand the importance of the water cycle in our lives and explore evaporation and condensation.

PSHE

We are this term focussing on Celebrating Differences; the children talk about judging people by their appearance, first impressions and what influences their thinking on what is normal. They talk about bullying, including online bullying and what to do if they suspect or know that it is taking place. They discuss the pressures of being a witness. The children talk about their own uniqueness and what is special about themselves. They talk about first impressions and when their own first impressions of someone have changed.



Dates for your diary

Term 2

Term Starts: 31st October

Non-uniform day: 3rd November

Odd socks day for Children in Need: 17th November

3G class assembly: 23rd November 9am

Non-uniform day: 1st December

Christmas Fayre: 2nd December

Pantomime (in school): 5th December

Christmas jumper day/Christmas

dinner/Christmas disco: 8th December

Christmas Carols: 12th December 4pm

Term ends: 15th December 1:30pm

Year 3 Teaching Support Team :

Mrs L. Potts

Miss S Crumble

Mrs C. Mynard

Miss T. Banks

Mrs K Chinnery

As usual, if you have any questions or queries, please ask any of the Year 3 staff team, and we would be very happy to help you.

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English

We will be working from the book 'Varjak Paw' by..... This exciting story is about the adventures of a special cat. We will be using this text as inspiration for developing our skills in writing poetry, letter writing with empathy and learning the conventions of speech punctuation. We will also have frequent lessons in SPaG, teaching reading skills and handwriting.

Religious Education

In RE this term we will be looking at 'Christianity' and the topic of 'Incarnation'. Our key question is: What is the Trinity? Here the children learn about the belief of the Holy Trinity – God as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We will visit the church to explore the concept of Christmas more deeply with support from Rev. Adam.



Physical Education

PE will be Gymnastics on a **Friday** afternoon for Year 4, please make sure your child has the appropriate indoor PE kit (shorts) and **no earrings on PE day**. Week beginning 4th December is our blocked PE week– Hockey. This will be outdoors, so please ensure your child brings the appropriate outdoor kit, plus named shin pads and a mouth guard. Girls and boys will change for PE in separate classrooms. **It is imperative that your child has the correct PE kit in school every Friday.**

Geography

Our enquiry for this term is- 'How does Australia differ from the UK?' We will be learning about the location of Australia's main territories and identify the largest urban areas. We will learn how to read maps using 4 figure grid references and to make comparisons between Australia and the UK in terms of climate and daily life.

Music

We are excited to be able to offer all children the opportunity to learn to play the clarinet in Year 4 this term! Mrs Potts will be using her expertise to teach the children the parts of the clarinet, how to play basic notes and to move between notes in a simple piece.