



Coelho Class
Mrs Potts

Year 4 Newsletter - Term 3

Riordan Class
Miss Crumbie



Welcome to Term 3! Happy New Year, we hope you had a good break. This term brings lots of new challenges and exciting opportunities. 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 quite cold 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.**

Home learning opportunities

A big THANK YOU to those who completed their bonus Australia projects. They were fabulous! There will be another bonus project set this term. Please remember 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 – the children are doing so well with this!

Maths

In maths this term, we will be continuing our learning in multiplication and division, learning about factor pairs and learning how to multiply and divide 2 digit and 3 digit numbers using place value charts and the formal written method. Our times tables focus will be on the 4, 8 and 7s. In preparation for the MTC, we are doing weekly times tables checks so please practice at home.

Science

After completing our work on states of matter, we will be moving onto investigating electricity! Our big question is: Can you imagine a world without electricity? During the unit we will be looking at electrical appliances and safety, exploring electrical circuits and understanding conductors and insulators. By the end of our work, the children should know how electrical components can make changes to a circuit.

PSHE

Our question this term focuses on our own hopes and dreams: Can I cope with disappointment and use a positive attitude to plan my hopes and dreams? Throughout the term we will look at how to build our own resilience when focusing on goals, especially when things go wrong! Towards the end of term we will work in groups on a competitive project to see if we can use positivity to help us cope in team situations.

Dates for your diary

Term 3

23 January - Young Voices – Choir
5 February - Open classroom
Jan 30 – 06 Feb – National Story Telling Week
Tuesday 06 February – Safer Internet Day
Term ends: 9th February 2024

Year 4 Teaching Support Team :

Mrs L. Potts
Miss S Crumbie
Miss T. Banks
Mrs K Chinnery

Music

Now the children are growing in confidence with their clarinets, we will be continuing to learn all about playing instruments including how to read notes on a stave, how to keep in time with others, what dynamics mean and how to create loud/soft sounds on our instrument.

As usual, if you have any questions or queries, please ask any of the Year 4 staff team, and we would be very happy to help you.

Our email address is:
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English

We will begin our English work by writing special instructions related to our novel 'Varjak Paw'. After this, we will be moving on to studying a new book – 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. During the term, we will examine vocabulary choices and words build images in our head through drama, poetry, reading and independent writing. We will have the opportunity to write creatively to develop setting and character. When writing, we will continue to build our understanding of sentence structure and clauses.

Religious Education

In RE this term we will be looking answering the question 'what kind of world would Jesus want?' This unit looks in depth at text from the Bible, especially the Gospels. We will study how Christians try to be like Jesus, how love and caring is important in our world and how the Gospels show Christians how to build God's world.

Physical Education

PE will be Netball on a **Friday** afternoon for Year 4, please make sure your child has the appropriate PE kit and **no earrings on PE day**. Week beginning 29th January (Week 5) is our blocked PE week– Tag Rugby. Both PE units will be outdoors, so please ensure your child brings the appropriate outdoor kit.

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.

History

Our enquiry for this term is- 'How did the Anglo-Saxons change Britain?' We will be looking at the influence of the Anglo-Saxons and how we know what their lives were like. Using our historical enquiry skills we will analyse and describe artefacts, and suggest how they were used in everyday life. Finally, we will look at a real-life excavation and what it is like to work as an archaeologist.