

12th September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 3/4 Curriculum Letter

Welcome to Year 3/4, I hope you have all had a fantastic first week back at school after the summer. We have lots of exciting things happening during the Autumn Term so below is a brief overview of what we will be learning together on our journey.

PE:

Class 7 Flying Saucers: Tuesday with Doncaster Rovers and Wednesday

Class 8 Aliens: Tuesday with Doncaster Rovers and Friday

Class 9 Supernova: Tuesday with Doncaster and Friday

Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school on these days (indoor and outdoor and appropriate footwear).

Reading:

We appreciate that time is very busy for all of us, but reading at home with a parent, carer, older sibling or friend, is so important for all our children. It strengthens their confidence, fluency and inference skills and backs up the important work we do at school. So please make time to hear your child read. **Please do not forget to sign in their reading diary each time your child reads.** We expect the children to read a minimum of 3 times per week at home. If your child does read 3 times, they will be entered into the Reader Leader competition where they could win prizes!

We will be giving the children a 'book review' to complete before they will be allowed to change their book to check they understand what they have read.

Any parent helpers who would like to come in and volunteer to listen to our children read would be greatly appreciated.

Moorends Library Visits

On a Friday afternoon, the Year 3/4 classes will be taking it in turns to visit the local library. We walk down after lunch and the children will listen to a story, read by one of the librarians. This is a brilliant opportunity for the children to extend their reading skills even further.

Spellings:

Spellings will be handed out every Friday, ready for the test the following Friday. Year 3/4 are expected to learn 108 curriculum words over the academic year. The children will cover the same spellings 3/4 times over the academic year to ensure the spelling pattern is embedded. Please encourage your child to practise these spellings as it will really help within their literacy work.

Literacy:

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Our literacy lessons will be centred around the text, *Beowulf*, which links to our topic on Vikings and Anglo-Saxons. We will be exploring myths and legends and by the end of this half term, the children will have written their very own myth and legend.

Handwriting:

We will be expecting all our children to join their handwriting and will be practising every day in class. If there is any opportunity at home where you could reinforce and practise handwriting that would be a great help.

Grammar:

There are a wealth of grammar websites available for the children to practise spelling and grammar at home, here are just a few:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling&grammar/>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

<http://www.funenglishgames.com/grammargames.html>

<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/grammar-practice>

<http://www.funbrain.com/grammar/>

Guided Reading:

During the first half term, the children will be reading *Gobolino the Witch's Cat* by Ursula Moray Williams in small groups with the class teacher on a weekly basis.

Maths and Times Tables:

We will be following the Year 3, 4 curriculum for maths and working on number and place value, addition and subtraction, division and multiplication, shape and measures, and statistics. A huge focus will be placed on deeper learning and reasoning skills where the children will be applying their mathematical knowledge and understanding in a range of contexts.

Times table knowledge and practise will also be a target for all children throughout the academic year. By the end of Year 4, the children should be able to recall at speed all of their times tables up to 12x12. www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button is a great website to use to help with times tables. Please encourage your child to practise their tables as much as possible as they will be completing a times tables test on a weekly basis in maths.

Maths homework will be sent out each week using www.mymaths.co.uk. If your child has trouble accessing the website, please see the class teacher as there will be a lunchtime club where this homework can be completed.

Other subjects:

Subject	What your child will be learning
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<u>Science</u>	Living things and their habitats (animals and the environment)
<u>PSHE / Circle Time</u>	Weekly circle time discussing bullying
<u>ICT</u>	'I-Jam' session with the ICT specialists, on Thursday afternoons
<u>French</u>	Year 3 will be learning simple greetings and instructions, counting to ten and using the correct pronunciation Year 4 will be concentrating on correct pronunciation and holding simple conversations
<u>RE</u>	Pilgrimage (a special journey)
<u>Topic</u>	Traders and Raiders (Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings)

Homework:

Please encourage your child to complete any homework given. It really does make a difference to your child's progress within school.

Homework includes:

- Reading at home x3 per week
- Times tables practice
- Spelling practice
- My Maths tasks set online
- Topic projects
- Any other additional grammar or literacy activities

Friday's Star of the Week Assembly:

Star of the Week Assembly will be held every Friday at 9am in the hall. Your class teacher will inform you if you are invited to attend.

Finally, we would like to thank you for your continued support. If you need to see any of the phase 3/4 team, please feel free to catch us either before or after school.

Yours Sincerely

Year 3/4 Team (Mrs McCarthy, Mr Eastwood and Miss Bass)