

Parent Information Letter - Year 3/4

January 2018



Welcome to Year 3/4

Mrs Lee, Mrs Kirby and Ms Murray

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year from the Year 3/4 team. We hope you had a relaxing, restful break and are ready for the new year ahead.

We welcome Mrs Kirby and Ms Murray to our team as class teachers and we are pleased to have Mrs Tolland working as our Teaching Assistant.

We have started 2018 with a Learning Challenge titled 'Where do we Belong?' and our first day back was a day with a difference introducing this whole school focus.

In this information sheet we take the opportunity to remind you about homework and P.E as well as sharing some of the exciting learning ahead of us.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or questions.

We look forward to a fun year of learning!

Best wishes

Year 3/4 Team

Homework

Homework will consist of different tasks, including **daily reading**.

Year 3 and Year 4 are now familiar with Accelerated Reader and are completing quizzes regularly. Some children are reading numerous books but are not being very successful with the quizzes. This can be disheartening so we encourage children to ensure they fully understand the text they have read before completing a quiz.

As the term progresses the children may receive an LCC related activity or project which will run over the February half term.

There will also be a spelling activity which includes a number of words they should learn through the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check method. These words are linked to the spelling programme we use in class 'Get Spelling'.

Maths will continue as before with an activity from the Mental Maths book and an online game (or 2) on alternate weeks. Any issues with Abacus please let us know. The book is a valuable tool in helping children develop speed and accuracy in Mental Maths so we would encourage all children to 'have a go'.

Homework club is available on Thursday and Friday lunchtimes for children to complete homework if there are any problems with access to Abacus or to complete the written activity. However, they do need to return the books to allow them to do this.

As a reminder:

All **homework** will be issued on a **Friday** and will be due on the following **Wednesday** (but it can come in earlier!).

How you can help your child at home

The most important support you can provide is to read with your child and talk about what they are reading.

It is also very helpful if you can practise key Mental Maths calculations, such as number bonds to 10, 20, 100, times tables, doubling and halving. Putting these facts into an every-day context such as shopping, cooking, travelling or measuring really does help to illustrate key vocabulary and help the speed of recall!

OUR TOPICS:

English	Maths
<p>This term we will develop writing skills through non-fiction and fiction texts linked to our LCC 'Where do we Belong' and looking at stories that raise issues and dilemmas. In our history based LCC we will be looking at stories with familiar settings. Our text initially will be 'The Island' and as our class reader we will be reading 'Oranges in No Man's Land'.</p>	<p>We will be starting with multiplication and division and developing fluency in this. We encourage children to practise their multiplication tables at home to promote speed and accuracy. This will also help when we move onto Fractions and, for Year 4, Decimals. We will continue to practise our counting and use key vocabulary throughout our Maths lessons.</p>
Learning Challenge	
<p>With our whole school LCC focus 'Where do we Belong?' having started on the first day back the children already have some understanding. We were very impressed with the empathy they showed when learning about refugees. This LCC links well with our R.E. and PSHCE. Our next LCC will be history led looking at Ely and using the local text 'The Wicket Chronicles Ely Plot'</p>	
Music and RE	PE
<p>We are very fortunate to have the Cambridgeshire Music Services specialist teachers with us again! The children will be working on key music skills and knowledge through song and learning to play an instrument. R.E. will focus on Islam and link well with our LCC whole school focus.</p>	<p>This term classes will have a range of experiences including swimming, dance and continue with the existing programme which focuses on football. It is advisable that children have outdoor P.E kit and all kit labelled with their name.</p>
Trips and Visits	PSHCE
<p>We are hoping to have some trips to the local library in Littleport to explore the range of texts on offer and to research for our history LCC.</p>	<p>Initially linking with our LCC whole school focus, PSHCE will be on Beginning and Belonging and Identity and Diversity and Communities. The focus will then move to Safety Contexts.</p>

	What to take to school	What to bring home
MONDAY	Swimming – information will be given regarding classes and dates.	
TUESDAY	PE for 34R	
WEDNESDAY	Return homework PE for 34L	
THURSDAY PE DAY all classes		
FRIDAY	PE for 34B	New homework

Useful websites:

- www.bbc.co.uk/schools (especially science and history topics)
- www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk
- www.mathszone.co.uk
- www.teachingtables.co.uk



Please display this timetable at home where your child can see it every day. For example: in the kitchen or by the door.