

Bottisham Community Primary School



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Year 3/4 Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and happy New Year! We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas. Thank you so much for all the generous gifts we received. It has been a positive start to the New Year and we have been busy planning lots of exciting events for this term.

Curriculum:

Our topic for the term is "Tomb Raiders". We had a wonderful day with History off the Page, kick starting our topic! We are going to find out about the Ancient Egyptians and their way of life. If your child has any interesting books or objects that link with our topic, they are welcome to bring them in and present them to the class. We would also love to hear about / see pictures of any places that the children may have visited in the past! A topic web containing detailed information about what your child will be learning (in each subject area throughout the term) will be sent out.

Home School Journals:

The children will be receiving a new copy of the Home-School Journal (HSJ) for the Spring term. This will contain information about term dates and your child's class timetable, as well as including a range of fun activities for your child to complete. The HSJ is a useful tool for communication and we encourage you to use it as way to ask questions and share general information concerning your child. We would also like parents and children to use it to record regular reading, which is part of their homework. **The children must have their HSJ in school every day.** They will be checked by your child's class teacher once a week and signed. If there is a message that you would like a quicker response to, then please ask your child to hand their journal to their class teacher first thing in the morning. Your child's class teacher will be happy to book an appointment to speak with you if there are more urgent matters that you wish to discuss.

Homework:

As in the previous term, the homework will consist of the following stuck on the inside cover of their homework books:



Times Tables: children could use their homework book to note them down, or practise using TT Rockstars. They will be introduced to the task on Friday, as part of their homework they will have to practise for a **few minutes every day.**

Literacy activity: a grammar activity or response to a book will be noted on the homework sheet. The children should try to complete them in order because they link with our work in class.

Spelling: a spelling booklet will be sent out together with the homework menu. The children must record their spelling practise in their homework book.

Reading: we ask children to read daily for 15 minutes and record their reading in their HSJ. As they get more independent, they can record their reading for themselves. House points will be awarded for regular recording. Many children choose to read their own book from home or from our school library which is fine. However, we are still encouraging them to pick an AR book (following the Accelerator Reader levels), so that they can progress when taking an AR quiz as often as possible. The children know what level or colour AR book they should be on and it is their responsibility to change their books. You can look up any books they are reading at home via this website: <https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/default.aspx>



Burwell House Residential Visit

We are very excited about our trip to Burwell House! Mr Legge and Mrs Childs will accompany the Year 4 children on Thursday 30th January and Friday 31st January. The Year 3 children will be taught for those two days by Mrs Walker, Mr Green and Mrs White.

Year 3/4 Production:

Birch, Cedar and Elm class will be putting on a production in the second half of the Spring Term. The play is called "What a Knight". A separate letter will be sent out and will detail the costumes, individual parts and performance dates. If you were able to help with making props or backdrops, please speak to your child's teacher.



Please note, the PE days for Birch, Cedar and Elm are as follow:

- Birch and Cedar- Mondays and Thursdays
- Elm- Mondays and Wednesdays

Please ensure that your child has a **named PE kit** which should consist of a plain, white T-shirt and navy or black shorts and trainers; they can bring **plain jogging trousers** as it is colder outside. This should be brought in a **named, drawstring bag please**. If for any reason your child is unable to take part in PE lessons we require a note of explanation.

Absences:

We would like to remind you that if your child is going to be absent please telephone the school office on 01223 811235 first thing on the morning of absence. Should your child miss more than one day due to illness, parents must phone the school office every day. Any medication that your child requires during the day should be given to the Office, for a First Aider, in the original container. Inhalers must be labelled and kept with individual children in the classrooms at all times.

Other things to remember:

We would like the children to bring their snacks, water bottles, Home School Journals and book bags (if they have them) into school each day.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Legge Mrs Childs Mrs Ociepko and Mrs Walker