

Year 3 and Year 4

16th September 2022

News and Reminders

Super effort!

We have had a busy first 2 weeks but the children have been amazing and have impressed us all by settling into new routines and showing enthusiasm for their learning.

Reading books

All the children now have a reading book that they have brought home. You may notice that the level of the book is lower than it was at the end of last year. The level of the book is based on how they did in our Star Reader assessment. We will listen to all the children to check that the book is an appropriate level. Please you could ensure that your child has their reading book in school everyday so that they have it available to read either independently or with an adult.

Earrings and jewellery

We have noticed this week that some children are not removing or covering their earrings for P.E. Please could you ensure that any earrings are either removed or covered with tape before they arrive at school on their P.E. days. This includes for swimming. Also the children should not be wearing bracelets or other jewellery.

Art and DT day this half-term

These subjects will be taught in a specific week each half-term and we will be inviting parents in during this week to help the children with their final piece.

This half term our Art week is **W/C 26th September**. We will be holding our D.T. day on the **Friday 30th September**. We would like to invite you to join your child in their classroom on the **Friday of that week from 2-3:15pm**.

Please note: due to limited space in the classroom, we have to restrict this to **one parent per date and no siblings**.

Homework

Children will receive weekly homework, this will be set on a Thursday and needs to be completed by the following Thursday. They will be set a maths activity on Purple Mash, spellings will continue to be set on Spelling Shed for the half-term to enable the children to practice. Your child has been set a list based on a combination of the step they were on last year and assessments which we have completed at the start of this term. An assessment will then take place at the end of the half-term. Login details have been sent home this week for all the relevant sites. The children should also be practising their number skills on Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars each week. In addition to this, we would encourage daily reading.

Waddesdon Trip

Just a reminder that we have our trip to Waddesdon on **Tuesday 20th September**. The children will all need a pack lunch for this day. Please bring it to school in their school bag along with their water bottle as they will need to carry it themselves. As many of the events are proposed to be outside, please ensure that they have a raincoat with them.

E-mail address

If you need to get in contact with us or have any queries, please use the email address:

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Our Learning

Maths

We have started to look at place value and working on recognising the value of each digit in a number. We have also used our number knowledge to show a number in many different ways including part whole models, place value charts and the use of practical materials.

Science

Year 3 have started their study of rocks by looking at how mountains are formed and started to understand that there are different types of rocks and that these are formed in different ways. We will carry out an investigation to explore this further next week.

Year 4's science unit is all about states of matter, looking at the difference between solids, liquids and gases. During this unit they will carry out an experiment or look at the impact that heat has on different states of matter.

The Queen

We have had different conversations this week all about the Queen and looked at the different roles she had. We have all created some pieces of work to remember her. You will have seen some of them hanging by the gates as you come in. Look out for our painted rocks next week.



PE and Library days

The children will have two P.E. sessions a week. On PE days children can come to school dressed in their PE kit. Holly class had to change their days due to timetables please see the new days below. These are as follows:

Hazel Class - Monday and Wednesday

Holly Class - **Wednesday and Friday**

Pine Class - Monday and Friday

Pear Class - Monday and Friday

Library:

Hazel Class - Thursday and Friday alternating.

Holly Class - Friday

Pine Class - Tuesday

Pear Class - Tuesday

Diary Dates

Tuesday 20th September -
Waddesdon trip

Friday 30th September - D.T
afternoon 2-3:15

Friday 30th September - deadline
to pay the deposit for the Year
3/4 residential to The Caldecotte
Experience

Thursday 20th October - children
break up for half-term (3:15pm)

Friday 21st October - Inset day in
school