

Year 3 and 4

5th September 2022

News and Reminders

Welcome back!

We are delighted to welcome the children back for the new school year and have really enjoyed seeing their cheerful faces in classes and around the school. It has been lovely to see them all and hear all about their summer break.

Inclusion week

This week in school it will be 'Inclusion week' where we will be spending time looking at different forms of disability both visible and invisible. We will have some guests in for our assemblies this week.

Reading

Reading is a really important skill for our children to develop this will help them with all of their learning. Listening to your child is important to build fluency and gives an opportunity to check their understanding by asking them questions. Another way to engage your child with reading is to read to them or to share a book which you both read. Reading will be issued towards the end of next week. The children use Accelerated Reader to complete quizzes on books they have read and we track this alongside the number of words they read and this is celebrated during our assembly and as part of a classroom display. The children are expected to complete at least one quiz a week we appreciate your support with supporting your child with their reading.

Break time snack

If your child would like a snack at break time please send them in with a piece of fruit/vegetable. Now that the children are in KS2 we no longer provide them with a snack.

Swimming

In year 4 the children go swimming. A letter will be going out with further information. The children in **Pine Class** will be going in the Autumn term. The sessions start on **Monday 12th September**. Children to come to school in P.E. kit with their swimwear underneath. Pear class will attend in the Spring.

Homework

The children will be set homework each week, on a Thursday this will include spelling practise using Spelling shed and then a maths task on Purplemash, this is in addition to daily reading. We will send out the login details for Purplemash, Spelling shed, Numbotts and Times table rock stars next week.

Our Learning

Literacy

To start the term, we will be looking at the story of Stone Age Boy which links to our Humanities unit. In this unit we will be using a range of different Literacy skills to develop our story writing.

Maths:

We will be starting the year by learning all about place value by looking at the value of each of the digits in a number and what that means. We will also practice arithmetic and times tables in daily fluency sessions.

Humanities

This half term focus is the changes from Stone Age to Bronze Age. We will be looking at the history objectives and using these skills to help us to learn about what it was like to live in Britain at that time and how it changed.

Art and D.T

This year we will be having a week each half term to cover these topics. This will be an opportunity for you to come into school for the D.T. sessions, further information will follow closer to the time. The date for this term is w/c 26th September with the D.T. being on Friday 30th September.

PE and Library days

On PE days children can come to school dressed in their PE kit. These are as follows:

Hazel Class - Monday and Wednesday

Holly Class - Tuesday (starting next week) and Friday

Pine Class - Monday and Friday

Pear Class - Monday and Friday

Diary Dates

Monday 12th September -
Swimming starts

Tuesday 13th September -
Residential meeting - 3.15pm

Library:

Hazel Class - Thursday and Friday alternating.

Holly Class - Friday

Pine Class - Tuesday

Pear Class - Tuesday

Library

The children will have the opportunity to visit the library on a **Wednesday**. They will have the chance to explore the books and borrow one if they would like.

Thursday 15th September -
Homework will be set

Tuesday 20th September - Trip to
Waddesdon (see separate letter)