

Welcome back from the Y3/4 Team

We hope you all had an exciting, enjoyable and fun-filled summer! This year the teachers in Year 3/4 will be Mrs Babb (Hares class), Mrs Chapman/Mrs Loveday (Stoats class) and Miss Woods (Squirrels class). The classes will be supported by our Teaching Assistants Mme Corbett, Mrs Jones and Mrs Hawkins as well as our 1-1 Teaching Assistants- Mrs Bush and Mrs Prowse. Mrs Ackroyd and Mrs Davies will join us for RE and Music on Tuesday afternoons.



We have an exciting Autumn Term planned with our topics 'Jungle Explorers' and 'Astounding Aztecs'. We will also perform at the Harvest celebration and we have lots of trips planned including Embercombe (year 4 only), Longtimber woods and The Eden Project. Wherever possible we will enhance our learning by using the outdoor area, including our fabulous yurt.

Literacy

We will be teaching literacy in blocked units of work, the titles of which are: Narrative and Descriptive Writing; Stories from Other Cultures; Information Hybrid Texts and Poetry. We will be using a range of stimuli including the books 'The Great Kapok Tree', 'The Sad Night' and 'The Rainforest Rough Guide'. Our class reading book will be 'Journey to the River Sea'. Reading will take place daily and will develop the range of comprehension skills the children will need in later life.

Maths

All areas of mathematics will be covered with an emphasis on basic skills of computation. Teaching will include practical activities, formal and informal methods as well as maths across the curriculum.

Science

We will be studying plants in the topic 'Plant Power!' including the different parts of flowering plants and their life cycles. We will explore native plants and plants from around the world.

Other Curriculum

Geography – finding out about Jungles and Rainforests.

History – learning about the Aztecs.

Art – looking at the work of Yvonne Coomber and producing large scale mixed media art.

Computing – following the Rising Stars scheme. The initial block is called 'We Are Programmers.'

P.E.

Our outdoor PE is invasion games and indoors will be dance. We will swim weekly until the weather becomes too unsettled. Once we stop swimming, indoor PE will begin. House-coloured polo shirts are available from the office. Black or navy tracksuits can be worn when the weather gets colder. **Please make sure the children have P.E. kits in school every day** as they are sometimes needed for other activities. We encourage the children to wear correctly fitting trainers, not plimsolls for PE as they provide better support for their feet and ankles.

Homework

Maths and topic homework will be set on a Thursday and collected in the following Tuesday, giving teachers enough time to mark the children's books, before returning them with new homework. On most occasions homework will be related to work completed in school. Please ensure you continue to hear your child read daily from a range of sources – the internet, comics, brochures as well as fiction and non-fiction books and comment regularly in their Home-/school contact book. Spellings will be given out on Mondays. The children will be tested the following Monday giving them a week to revise and practise.

Don't forget, if you would like to support us in any way, especially by hearing children read, please get in touch.

Best wishes
The 3/ 4 Team

