



## Hello from the Y3/4 Team

Welcome back! We hope you all had a relaxing and fun-filled summer and enjoyed the break! We all did. This year the teachers in Year 3/4 will be Mrs Babb (Hares class) and Mrs Chapman/Mrs Loveday (Stoats class). The classes will be supported by Mme Corbett and Mrs Prowse.

We'd like to share with you a brief outline of some of the work the children will be covering over the coming term. Where possible we have made links between subjects; for example much of our Literacy and Topic work will centre on our theme 'Where My Wellies Take Me' to include trees, rivers, woodland habitats and Harvest. We know that this cross curricular approach generates enthusiasm from the children and encourages them to extend their learning through independent work at home. There will be a focus on developing learning skills, as well as discovering facts and information.

## Art / Geography / SMSC / DT

Our integrated, cross curricular topic is 'Where My Wellies Take Me'. We will study our local rivers and compare them to the River Nile and the Aswan Dam. Our Computing will support our learning across the curriculum and will include meteorology and give children the opportunity to use a variety of equipment. In Art we will be working on our observational drawings, bark rubbings, marbling and printing inspired by our trips to the woods and our local walks. SMSC will be inspired by our school theme of the week.

## Literacy

We will cover five sequences of Literacy this term which will include: recounts, poetry, book making, stories with familiar settings and persuasive writing. The children will have specific guided reading and handwriting practice. We will be encouraging the children to read a range of books; please support this at home and sign the planner when your child has read. In class we will be reading 'Where My Wellies Take Me' by Clare and Michael Morpurgo and other Morpurgo books.

## Maths

All areas of mathematics will be covered, in the following order: Number Sense, Additive Reasoning, Multiplicative Reasoning and Geometric Reasoning. Teaching will include practical activities, real life problem solving as well as more formal written methods.

## Science

We will be studying trees, classification, branching keys, food chains and habitats with a particular focus on woodland habitats. In addition to our observations we will be conducting various investigations. After half term we will be focussing on Looking after our environment.

## RE, French, Music and Computing

RE, French, Music and computing will continue to be taught during the teachers' PPA (preparation, planning and assessment) time. The teachers will be: Madame Corbett – French and RE, Mrs Davies – Music and Computing.

## P.E.

We will be swimming each week until half term and we will also introduce dance and gymnastics. The children will need a swim suit, goggles, towel and swimming hat (Hares and Stoats swim on Tuesdays). **Please make sure the children have the correct P.E. kits in school all week** as they are sometimes needed for other activities. Also please check the children have the correct size trainers, it's surprising how they squeeze their feet into pairs that are two sizes too small!

## Homework

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 include maths and topic. We really appreciate your support in encouraging homework to be completed. Spellings will be added to the children's contact book on Mondays and the children will be tested on the following Monday.

## Dates to remember!

- Fun time walk and bike ride at Avon Dam – Friday 22nd September
- Residential visit to East Soar for the Year 4 children – 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> September
- Macmillan coffee morning 29<sup>th</sup> September
- Harvest Festival on Thursday 19th October
- Burrator Reservoir/Dam visit TBC

If at any time you have concerns or queries, please let us know so that we can act upon it. We look forward to a happy and busy term.

Best Wishes  
The 3 / 4 Team