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Year 3 and 4 Newsletter - September 2017

Welcome

We would like to welcome you back to Ingleby Mill after a long summer holiday. This year in Year 3 we have Mr Rix working alongside Miss Turner and Mrs Wilson who have made the transition to Year 3 along with many familiar faces from Year 2! We also have Mrs Antonini, Mrs Dohring, Miss Humphrey, Mrs Watson and Mrs Williams working with the Year 4 children. Also within our team we have Mrs Jones and Mrs Snowdon who will be working throughout the team with different groups of children as well as individuals. Our 1:1 teaching assistants are Mrs Rouse, Mrs Hubbert and Mrs Mullholland who have made the transition to the next year group alongside their class.

Within Year 3 and 4 we are very lucky that our PPA sessions (Teacher's Planning, Preparation and Assessment sessions) are to be covered by Mr Fowler, Mrs Coverdale and Mrs Saint and these sessions are on alternate Wednesday mornings and afternoons and they have already met the children and begun some fantastic work with them.

This year you will be aware that each class has now been assigned a country to identify with throughout their time in Year 3 and 4. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the fantastic research that some of our families have undertaken during their summer holidays and we have enjoyed learning all about our chosen country and will continue to do so over the course of the school year.

We have amazing teaching assistants that help our children enter school in a calm manner on a morning to ensure the best possible start to the school day. If you could just remember that the Y3 children should line up alongside the left side of our entrance and the Y4 children along the side where the fence begins. That will allow the children to be able to take it in turns each day to come into school safely it would be very much appreciated.

Reading

Y3 will continue to have a Reading Record book for you to record the book they are reading and any comments when you hear your child read, daily if possible. Now your child is in Key Stage 2 they are expected to change their own reading book, though this will be with adult guidance if needed. Please encourage your child to complete their book before changing it at school by asking them lots of questions about the plot, characters or can they summarise the book so far to ensure that they have read the book and have understood it. **Reading Records and reading books need to be in school every day.** At times they will have a stamp or comment in their book that signifies that they have also been heard reading a different book in a guided reading session with their teacher.

In Y4 the children have a reading journal and a reading book. Again these need to be in school on a daily basis. Please encourage your child to read every night and make an entry in their journal. Parents are also encouraged to comment on their child's reading in this journal.

Homework

In Year 3 and Year 4, maths homework will be given every Friday and ask that it be returned to school on a Tuesday. Additional mental maths homework may be set during the week to practise skills. This may be using practical activities or internet based activities. Spelling rules and patterns will also be sent home; the children will learn the rules and be given a spelling dictation to test their understanding of the rule. In addition to the spellings given, the spelling test will also include unseen words which follow the same spelling patterns to ensure that the children have grasped the rules as well as being able to apply it to other words! So don't worry if the children are given words that they haven't seen before, you can support them by adding unfamiliar words at home that follow the spelling rule that they have been working on to prepare them for their spelling test!

PE

Please can we remind you that with PE kits, children need an indoor kit (shorts and T-shirt) and an outdoor PE kit (track-suit type top, track-suit type trousers and trainers). These should be sent to school in one drawstring bag. Trainers are preferable for outdoor safety. Indoor PE shoes are **not** needed. For P.E the children need to be able to remove their own earrings or leave them at home on P.E. days. For safety, children also need to have long hair tied back for PE lessons. We are very lucky to have Mr Fowler as part of our team who will be taking all Year 3 and 4 children for PE on a Wednesday. Outdoor P.E is obviously dependant on weather permitting.

Class	Indoor PE	Outdoor PE
3 GW Scotland	Monday	Wednesday
3 LR Wales	Monday	Wednesday
3 LT England	Monday	Wednesday
4 DH/SW Italy	Tuesday	Wednesday
4 MW Greece	Swimming	Wednesday
4 RA/ND Sweden	Tuesday	Wednesday

Swimming

Each class will go swimming every day for 10 consecutive school days. This term it will be Mrs Williams' class followed by the other Year 4 classes. To allow the children to settle into KS2 the Year 3 children will not swim until later within the Spring/Summer Term of 2018.

Parents

We love to welcome parents into our team to help our children in many different ways. In particular we love help with hearing our children read and it can be a very rewarding session in being able to talk to the children about the books that they are reading as well as supporting and guiding them. These sessions can end up being a lovely chance for the children to engage in some very interesting conversations! Other activities may be supporting the children within their artwork, maths, times tables, the list is endless!

If you are able to offer any help we would need to make sure that you have a current DBS certificate and this is something the school office can help you with. Come and give it a try if you haven't already!

The first parents' consultations of the year are the 30th October followed by 1st November when you will find out how your child has settled into their new class. Although, as you will be aware,

we do have an informal meet and greet session planned for next week, Wednesday 20th September where you will have the opportunity to come and have a look at your child's classroom and get to know a little more about the work that goes on in Year 3 and 4!

Class Assemblies

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of your child's class assembly to ensure that you have ample opportunity to plan ahead and we will try hard to ensure that these dates don't change although sometimes this may be unavoidable.

Miss Humphrey and Mrs Watson Friday 24th November

Mrs Williams Friday 19th January

Mrs Wilson Friday 26th January

Mrs Antonini/Mrs Dohring Friday 2nd February

Miss Turner Friday 9th February

Mr Rix Friday 20th April

All assemblies will start at 9.45 am and please use the main entrance to enter school.

Support

Please feel free to approach your child's teacher with any queries or concerns but we ask that you kindly avoid the start of the day for obvious reasons. Any messages that need to be passed onto the class teacher will be relayed to the teacher at the beginning of the school day via our teaching assistants who are greeting your child in the morning.

Please remember to inform school if there is a change to the end of school collection arrangements, especially if your child is going home with a friend.

We are looking forward to working with all our wonderful children and their families in Year 3 and 4 and know that your child will continue to thrive at Ingleby Mill and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all your continued support, it is all very much appreciated!

With many thanks

Year 3 and 4 Teachers and Teaching Assistants.