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## Year 3 and 4 Newsletter – September 2019

### Welcome

We would like to welcome you back to Ingleby Mill after a long summer holiday. This year in Year 3 we have Mrs Wilson and Mrs Williams working alongside Miss Humphrey and Mrs Watson. (Mrs Watson teaches Monday and Tuesday and then Miss Humphrey teaches Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) We also have Mrs Simmonds (previously known as Miss Carter before her summer wedding!) working alongside Mr Rix and Mr Carter in Year 4. Also within our team we have Mrs Jones and Mrs Dutton who will be working throughout the area with different groups of children as well as individuals.

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 (and Mr Forster), Mrs Richardson and Mrs Saint and these sessions are on alternate Thursday mornings and afternoons and they have already met the children and begun some fantastic work with them.

As you know your child belongs to a country linked to their class. 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.

### 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 3 entries per week in their journal. Parents are also encouraged to comment on their child's reading in this journal.

### Homework

In Year 3 and Year 4, homework will be given every Friday and we ask that it be returned to school on a Tuesday.

Spelling rules and patterns will also be sent home; In Year 3 and 4 these will be sent home on a Thursday ready for testing the following Thursday. 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!



## Curriculum

If you would like to know more about the various areas that we cover within the many subjects across school, we have a comprehensive curriculum overview on our Ingleby Mill website. It informs you term by term all the exciting opportunities that we offer our children and their learning objectives too. Just click on the link for Year 3 and 4 curriculum.

## P.E.

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 and Mr Forster as part of our team who will be taking all Year 3 and 4 children for PE on a Thursday. Outdoor P.E is obviously dependant on weather permitting. It is also most helpful if children could remember to bring a water bottle to school each day but especially on P.E days.

Class	Indoor PE	Outdoor PE
3 GW Scotland	Wednesday	Thursday
3 MW England	Tuesday	Thursday
4 DH/SW Italy	Monday	Thursday
4 LS Greece	Monday	Thursday
4 LR Sweden	Monday	Thursday
4GC Italy	Tuesday	Thursday

## Swimming

Each class will go swimming every day for 10 consecutive school days. This term it will be Mrs Simmonds class as well as Mr Rix's class. This will commence w/b Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September for 2 weeks and a letter further explaining the details will be sent home via each class shortly. The remaining classes will go swimming within the spring or summer term.

## 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 **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October** followed by **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** when you will find out how your child has settled into their new class. Although, as you may already be aware, we do have an informal meet and greet session planned for **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September** where you will have the opportunity to come and have a look at your child's classroom and meet our team!

### **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.

Mr Carter	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November
Miss Humphrey/Mrs Watson	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November
Mrs Wilson	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February
Mr Rix	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May
Mrs Williams	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June
Mrs Simmonds	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2019

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.