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Year 3 and 4 Newsletter - September 2021

We would like to welcome you back to a new school year. We hope you all had a very enjoyable summer break.

Thank you for your support in making the beginning of the new school year run so smoothly and calmly. The children have all settled in extremely well and appear keen and eager to learn! They all look very smart in their school uniforms!

This year in Year 3 we have Mrs Wilson (Scotland) working alongside Mrs Elwell (England) along with Mrs Watson who teaches Wales class on a Monday and Tuesday and Mr Abbott who takes up the reins on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Within Year 4 we have Mr Carter (Italy) and Mr Rix (Sweden) who work alongside Mr Richardson (Greece).

The children within Year 3 and 4 also have the opportunity to work with our wonderful Teaching Assistants : Mrs Jones, Mrs Dutton and Mrs Heap. Our 1:1 Teaching Assistants include Mrs Cassar, Mrs Povey, Miss Johnson and Mrs Harkin.

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 Mrs Saint, Mrs Antonini and Mrs Richardson on a weekly basis.

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 have any queries or questions then they are here to help you and will pass them on to your child's class teacher. Thank you so much for being patient at the end of the school day as well. This is the first time that within this team we have been able to welcome some parents to the classroom door and in order to keep everyone safe it is greatly appreciated that collection is as quick and smooth as possible (although it will take staff some time to recognise our lovely new families!)

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. The children are expected to independently complete two tasks from their list of activities in the front of the book and we would also encourage to comment on their child's reading in this journal too.

Homework

We will be setting home learning tasks through **Seesaw** in the coming weeks and information will be sent to you regarding this in due course.

PE

As in previous years we ask that the children come to school dressed in their outdoor PE kit on their allocated days. Year 3 is Monday and Year 4 Tuesday. During these days the children will have access to both an indoor and an outdoor session (weather permitting) and so will have two sessions of PE on those days (tired children by hometime!)

Swimming

Each class will go swimming every day across a two week period. This term it will be Mr Carter's class (from Monday 13th September to Thursday 23rd September) followed by the other Year 4 classes in due course.

Mr Rix's class will attend from Monday 15th November until Friday 26th November.

Mr Richardson's class will attend from Monday 10th January until Friday 21st January. Information regarding the swimming programme will again be sent out when necessary to each class in turn (dates and times can sometimes be subject to change)

To allow the children to settle into KS2 the Year 3 children will not swim until later within the Spring/Summer Term of 2022.

Communication

Should you wish to contact your child's teacher via e mail we have the following information for you:

Year 3

Mrs Wilson can be contacted via

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Mrs Watson

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Mr Abbott

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Year 4

Mr Carter can be contacted via

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Mr Rix

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Mr Richardson

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Further information will also be sent to you via **Marvellous Me** so keep a look out for those, as well as tasks that the children will be allocated via their online learning programs; **Active Learn** and **Seesaw** as well as **Spelling Shed** for Year 3 and **Times Tables Rockstars** for our Year 4 classes. The children will be informed weekly as to what the expectations are for these tasks but if you are unsure then please don't hesitate to clarify this with your child's teacher.