



Year 3 and 4 Newsletter – September 2024

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 (3GW) working alongside Mr Rix (3LR) and they are both super excited to welcome our brand-new Year 3 children!

Within Year 4 we have Mr Abbott (4JA) and Mr Richardson (4GR) working alongside each other and they are all loving being able to witness the transition from Year 3 to Year 4!

The children within Year 3 and 4 also have the opportunity to work with our wonderful teaching assistant: Mrs.N. Jones. Our 1:1 teaching assistants include Mrs Windebank, Mrs Allinson and Mrs Metcalfe and Mrs Povey.

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 and Mrs.L. Jones 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 who will be in the classroom welcoming the children and creating a calm working environment. Thank you so much for being patient at the end of the school day as well. 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!) so please bear with us as we learn new faces and 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 also have a Reading Record 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 you to comment on your child's reading in this journal too.



Curriculum

In addition to our daily English and Maths curriculum we will also be covering the following subjects.

Y3

In History we will be examining the period known as The Stone Age where we will link our science topic of 'Rocks and Soil'. In geography we look at volcanoes and earthquakes which leads onto creating an earthquake resistant building in our design and technology lessons. PE this term will be gymnastics and dance alongside invasion games. During our art sessions we will be experimenting with different materials as we recreate cave paintings using natural materials. Our life lessons are all about special people in our lives as well as looking at online safety within our computing sessions. Within RE the children will be examining the Islamic faith, whilst in music they will be beginning their first attempt at playing the recorder.

Y4

In history we will be examining the Roman Empire alongside our geography topic where we compare European countries. Our science topic examines the use and sources of electricity which leads on to creating a light up card within our design and technology lessons. PE this term will be gymnastics and dance alongside invasion games. During our Art sessions we will be looking at proportion as well as still life. Our life lessons are all about relationships as well as looking at online safety within our computing sessions. Within RE the children will be examining the Hindu faith, whilst in Music they will be continuing the recorder.



PE

This year we ask that the children come to school dressed in their outdoor PE kit on their allocated days (Both Y3 and Y4 PE sessions are on a Tuesday) This comprises of a plain white T shirt, navy jogging bottoms or navy shorts and trainers. 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 home time!)



Swimming

Each class will go swimming every day across a two-week period. This term it will be as follows:
Mr Richardson's class to attend swimming lessons from Monday 14th October to Friday 25th October.

Timings are from 10.15-11.00 am at Thornaby Pool.

Mr Abbott's class to attend swimming lessons from Monday 18th November to Friday 29th November.

Timings are from 10.15-11.00 am at Thornaby Pool.

To allow the children to settle into KS2 the Year 3 children will not swim until later within the Spring/Summer Term of 2024 but to give advance notice of dates those sessions will be:

Mr Rix's class to attend swimming lessons from Monday 10th March 2025 to Friday 21st March.

Timings are from 10.15-11.00 am at Thornaby Pool.

Mrs Wilson's class to attend swimming lessons from Monday 7th April 2025 to Friday 2nd May.

Timings are from 10.15-11.00 am at Thornaby Pool.

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)

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL JEWELLRY MUST BE EITHER REMOVED OR COVERED BEFORE SCHOOL FOR EVERY PE LESSON AND IS NOT ALLOWED TO BE WORN FOR SWIMMING LESSONS.

Communication

Should you wish to contact your child's teacher, phone calls are always welcomed or face to

face meetings can also be arranged either before or after school at a time convenient to all.

Homework

We will be setting home learning tasks through our online apps in the coming weeks and information will be sent to you regarding this in due course. We still use Seesaw as a means of sharing the children's wonderful work from time to time.



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** and **Times Tables Rockstars**. 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.



Ingleby Mill Primary School Website

If you haven't taken a look at our website recently, please do go and explore! It is well worth a visit with all the information you will need about term dates, the curriculum that we have to offer, events and letters and so much more including our wonderful school song that you can watch.

Take a look at...

<https://www.inglebymill.org.uk/>

School Equipment

All equipment that the children will need is provided for everyone at school and so we politely ask that no pencil cases etc are brought into school. This eliminates the worry about lost items and precious Smiggle rulers!

We also ask that no Football type cards (Pokeman etc as well) are brought in, as again precious items can get lost or traded and we have lots of playtime equipment to keep everyone busy and happy ring break and lunchtimes!

Outdoor Learning

Over the coming months the children from both year groups will once again have the fantastic opportunity to learn new skills with Mr Simms `Dave`. We will send more information about these sessions in due course.

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 for your continued support, it is all very much appreciated!



With many thanks

Year 3 and 4 Staff

