



## Year 3 and 4 Newsletter

Dear Parents

Welcome back after what I hope was a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. I hope your children have enjoyed the first two weeks of what will be an action-packed term. For those of you who are new to the Prep Department or to the School, I hope that any questions you may have had were answered fully and clearly during the induction session before term began and at the 'Tea and Cake' event last week. Should you have any further questions, your child's form teacher and I will be happy to help.

Attached to this newsletter are brief details aimed at providing you with further information specific to Years 3 and 4 regarding the topics to be covered and planned events in the coming weeks. Please bear in mind that any information and dates provided are correct at the time of writing and represent highlights rather than a comprehensive list. For more detailed information about events at the school, please keep an eye out for the Headmaster's weekly newsletter, which is sent every Friday, and continue to monitor the online calendar as dates can occasionally change and new events are added regularly. To access the parents' section of the website, you will need the username: *parents* and the password: *children*.

With regards to homework, your child should be set 30 minutes' homework per evening. This will consist of 20 minutes' work in English, maths, French or 'topic' alongside 10 minutes' reading. We encourage children to establish good routines to help complete homework effectively and I would also reiterate the importance of them completing their reading. Wherever possible, this should be in the presence of an adult who is able to ask questions about the reading matter in order to develop reading comprehension skills and help your child to answer one of the questions in their reading record. We have dispensed with the traditional homework diary for pupil in Years 3 and 4 this year, instead migrating to the online Firefly system used by the older pupils at the school. Last Friday, Mr Hughes, our Head of Computing, sent out a letter with instructions explaining how to log in and use this system.

This time of year is also the perfect time to ensure that all of your child's equipment and clothing is labelled, particularly as much of this will be new. We have much greater success reuniting labelled belongings with their owners!

I hope you enjoy the weekend and I look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday.

With very best wishes,

Daniel Avenal  
Head of Years 3 and 4

## Topics this Term

### Year 3

English lessons this term will be focused on reports, myths and legends, performance and shape poetry and instructions and explanations. Mathematics will focus on addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, number and place value, fractions, 2D & 3D shapes, measurement and problem solving. In science, the children will be learning about light and shadows and forces and magnets. We will be studying the Stone Age/Bronze Age and beginning to learn about the Ancient Egyptians in history lessons, also looking at Victorian Christmas nearer the festive period. Our geography topics are the Earth from space and investigating the UK and in religious studies the children will be learning about Hinduism.

### Year 4

English lessons this term will be focused on traditional tales, instructions and explanations, poetry, Roman myths and legends and recounts. Mathematics will focus on place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, fractions, decimals and percentages, ratio and proportion, measurement, statistics and problem solving. In science, the children will be learning about moving and growing including bones, muscles, vertebrates and invertebrates and the earth and beyond, which will include the solar system, night and day and the sun. We will be studying the Celts and the Roman invasion of Britain in history. Our geography topic is village settlements and investigating where our food comes from and in religious studies the children will be learning about the symbology of light and dark in different faiths.

Further information regarding the curriculum is available in the parents' section of the website.

Important Dates	Events for Parents
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November–Year 3 Visit to Norwich Castle Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December – Year 4 Visit to Norwich Castle	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September – 4W Class Assembly Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October – 4ER Class Assembly Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October – 4MR Class Assembly Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October –3H Class Assembly Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November - Year 3 Parents' Evening Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November – Grandparents Afternoon Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November – 3A Class Assembly Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December – 3V Class Assembly Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December – The Christmas Fayre
Year 4 Horstead Residential	
The Year 4 residential visit to Horstead will take place from Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2017.  I will write to you later this term with further details.	
Useful Websites	
<a href="http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/">http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/</a> <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/">http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/</a> <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/levels/zbr9wmn">http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/levels/zbr9wmn</a> <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z34djxs">http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z34djxs</a> <a href="http://home.freeuk.net/elloughton13/theatre.htm">http://home.freeuk.net/elloughton13/theatre.htm</a>	<a href="http://www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk">http://www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk</a> <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zg87xnb">http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zg87xnb</a> <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/wales/celts/">http://www.bbc.co.uk/wales/celts/</a> <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/romans/">http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/romans/</a> <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zkbbkqt">http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zkbbkqt</a>