



Year 3 and 4 Newsletter

Dear Parents

I write with season's greetings and to tell you a little of what will be happening in Years 3&4 when school begins again after Christmas. The spring term will be both busy and extremely productive with lots to look forward to; most notably the Year 4 production of 'Oh What a Knight' which promises to be excellent! The Year 3 children will also have the opportunity to dress as historical characters when it is their Victorian Day.

Attached to this newsletter are some more 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 continue to look out for the Headmaster's weekly newsletter, which is sent every Friday, and continue to monitor the School's online calendar. You can access the online 'Parents' Information Centre' by using the link on the main page of the school website.

Homework will continue to be set in the same format as last term, with a 20-minute subject specific task followed by 10 minutes' reading. Again, good nightly routines are encouraged to help the children complete their homework effectively. I would also reiterate the importance of fully completing reading homework, wherever possible in the presence of an adult who is able to discuss the book and help with answering one of the comprehension questions each night. The children are well rewarded for a fully completed reading record.

This time of year is the perfect time to ensure that all of your child's equipment and clothing is present and labelled, so that any missing items can be tracked down or replaced. It has been notable that many of the boys in Year 3 have been without a full complement of games kit so far; going home wearing wet and muddy school socks is never desirable! Next term the boys will have a combination of hockey and football lessons, so will need both a mouth guard and shin pads in order to participate fully and safely in lessons. The girls will have netball, so will not require mouth guards, shin pads or long socks. Both boys and girls will need a pair of indoor trainers in school.

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 dialogue and plays, recounts stories about imaginary worlds, letters and traditional and humorous poetry. Mathematics will focus on addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, number and place value, fractions, ratio and proportion, 2D & 3D shapes, angles and telling the time. In science, the children will be learning more about forces and magnets, as well as teeth and eating, the digestive system and rocks and soils. We will be studying the Victorians in history lessons. Our geography topic is weather and climate and in religious studies the children will be learning about special places and, in particular, the Christian church.

Year 4

English lessons this term will be focused on poetry (including list poems, kennings and clerihews), fantasy and imaginative stories, biography and autobiography, information and explanation texts and stories from other cultures. Mathematics will focus on place value, addition and subtraction, fractions, decimals and percentages, measurement and 2D & 3D shapes. In science, the children will be learning about states of matter and electricity. We will be studying invaders in history, looking in particular at the Anglos Saxons and Vikings. Our geography topic is investigating coast and in religious studies the children will be learning more about Judaism and the importance of the Synagogue.

Further information about the curriculum is available online in the Parents' Information Centre.

Important Dates	Events for Parents
Friday 3 rd February – Year 4 Synagogue Trip Friday 10 th February – Year 3 Reports Home Friday 24 th February – Year 4 Sutton Hoo Trip Tuesday 28 th March – Year 3 Victorian Day Friday 21 st April – Year 4 Viking Day	Year 4 Production 'What a Knight!' Performance 1: Thursday 26 th January (4.30pm) Performance 2: Friday 27 th January (6.00pm)
Year 4 Horstead Residential	Monday 30 th January – Year 4 Parents' Evening Wednesday 8 th March – 3A Class Assembly (08:35) Wednesday 22 nd March – 3V Class Assembly (08:35) Wednesday 29 th March – 3H Class Assembly (08:35)
The Year 4 residential visit to Horstead will take place from Wednesday 7 th to Friday 9 th June 2017	Useful Websites http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/ http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/levels/zbr9wmn http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/victorian_britain/ http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zcjxhyc/resources/1 http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather/2641181 http://www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zxsbcdm http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/ztyr9j6 http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/riversandcoasts/coasts/w_hatis_coast/index.shtml http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/coastline