



Year 3 and 4 Newsletter

Dear Parents

I write as we have begun the final part of the academic year to tell you a little of what will be happening in Years 3&4 during the action-packed Summer Term. As we anticipate some warmer weather there is plenty of sport to look forward to; including cricket (for both the girls and boys), athletics and, of course, Sports Day. In Year 3, we have a 'Rock Circus' science day and will also be investigating (and tasting!) chocolate, whereas Year 4 have their trips to Cromer and Horstead to look forward to.

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 any 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 keep an eye out for the Headmaster's weekly newsletter, which is sent every Friday, and continue to monitor the online calendar. You can access the parents' section of the website at <https://townclose.com/parents/>

Homework will continue to be set in the same format this term, with a 20-minute subject-specific task followed by 10 minutes of 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.

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. This term the boys will have a combination of cricket, swimming and athletics, whilst the girls will have cricket, swimming and athletics. For games and athletics, both girls and boys will require their PE kit, with the girls also requiring a skirt for Games. Athletics and swimming will continue to run on alternate weeks and it would be desirable for the children to have both their PE and swimming kit present at school throughout the term. As in previous terms, both boys and girls will need indoor and outdoor trainers in school at all times.

I wish everybody an enjoyable Summer Term and look forward to seeing many of you for the Tea and Cake and Horstead Talk events next Tuesday afternoon.

With very best wishes,

Daniel Avenal
Head of Years 3 & 4

Topics this Term

Year 3

English lessons this term will be focused on reports, adventure and mystery stories, myths and legends and revisiting information texts. Mathematics will focus on place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, symmetry, measurement, statistics & data handling, problem solving, fractions, decimals and percentages and ratio and proportion. In science, the children will be learning about acids and alkalis, rocks and soils and plants. Following the completion of the Ancient Egyptians topic, we will be studying the history of chocolate and the Aztecs in history lessons. Our geography topics are the polar climates, rainforests and chocolate and in religious studies the children will be learning about Jesus and why some people find him inspirational.

Year 4

English lessons this term will be focused on stories from other cultures, chronological reports, biographies and autobiographies. Mathematics will focus on place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, fractions, decimals and percentages, measurement, 2D & 3D shapes, ratio and proportion, position and direction and statistics. In science, the children will continue learning about electricity and will then be learning about habitats, including classification. We will be completing our topic on invaders and will then be learning about childhood since 1945 in history. Our geography topic is Australia and in religious studies the children will be learning how people express spiritual ideas through the Arts.

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

Important Dates	Events for Parents
Monday 16 th April – Year 4 Coast Trip Friday 27 th April – Year 3 'Rock Circus' Wednesday 2 nd May – Year 4 West Stow Trip Tuesday 8 th May – Whole School Photograph Monday 21 st May – Year 3&4 Exam Week Friday 22 nd June – Year 4 Baking Day	Tuesday 17 th April – Tea and Cake for Y3-5 Parents (15:45) Tuesday 17 th April – Horstead Information Evening (16:30) Wednesday 25 th April – 3V Class Assembly Wednesday 9 th May – 4W Class Assembly Wednesday 20 th June – 4ER Class Assembly Friday 22 nd June – Afternoon Tea for Year 4 Parents (16:00)
Year 4 Horstead Residential	Wednesday 4 th July– 4MR Class Assembly
The Year 4 residential visit to Horstead takes place from Wednesday 6 th to Friday 8 th June 2018.	Friday 6 th July – Prep Sports Day
Useful Websites	
http://primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/ http://www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk/ http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/levels/zbr9wmn http://home.freeuk.net/elloughton13/mexico.htm https://www.cadbury.co.uk/ http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/vikings/who_were_the_vikings/ http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/ztyr9j6	http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zpb9d2p/resources/1 http://www.nationalgeographic.com/features/00/earthpulse/rainforest/index_flash-feature.html http://www.bbc.co.uk/nature/habitats/tropical_and_subtropical_moist_broadleaf_forests http://www.switchedonkids.org.uk/ http://www.3dgeography.co.uk/australian-geography