



## Year 3 and 4 Newsletter

Dear Parents

I write to wish you all a Happy New Year and to provide an update on what will be happening in Years 3 and 4 this term. The spring term will be both busy and extremely productive with lots to look forward to; most notably the Year 4 production of 'Rock Bottom' which promises to be an entertaining show!

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 further 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 – which offers the most comprehensive and up-to-date list of events and activities. Further information can be found online in the 'Parents' Information Centre' on the school website at <https://townclose.com/parents/>

Homework will continue to be set in the same format as last term, with a 20-minute subject specific task followed by ten 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. As previously, 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. We have carried out a kit and equipment check this week to identify any missing items which should assist you with this. This 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 girls and boys will need a pair of indoor trainers in school and we also recommend they bring base layers and their TCH hats and gloves to 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 myths and legends, dialogue and plays, recounts, stories about imaginary worlds, 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 completing our Victorians topic and studying the Ancient Egyptians in history lessons. Our geography topic is weather and climate and in religious studies the children will be learning about sacred places and, in particular, the Christian church.

### Year 4

English lessons this term will be focused on fantasy and imaginative stories, recounts (including newspapers and magazines) 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 temperature (including insulators and conductors), 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 coasts and in religious studies the children will be learning more about Judaism and the importance of the Synagogue.

| Important Dates  | Events for Parents   |
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| <p><b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b> – Year 4 Norwich Cathedral Trip</p> <p><b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b> – Story Telling Week</p> <p><b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b> – Year 3 Norwich Castle Trip</p> <p><b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b> – World Book Day Celebrations<br/><i>(Dress as a character from literature)</i></p> <p><b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b> – Year 4 Synagogue Trip</p>   | <p><b>Year 4 Production ‘Rock Bottom’</b></p> <p>Performance 1: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January (4.30pm)</p> <p>Performance 2: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January (6.00pm)</p> <hr/> <p><b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b> – Year 3 Parents’ Evening</p> <p><b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b> – Year 4 Soloists’ Concert</p> <p><b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b> – Year 4 Parents’ Evening</p> <p><b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b> – 3A Class Assembly (8.35am)</p> <p><b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b> – 3S Class Assembly (8.35am)</p> <p><b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b> – 3H Class Assembly (8.35am)</p>  |
| <p><b>Year 4 Horstead Residential</b></p> <p>The Year 4 residential visit to Horstead will take place from <b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019</b></p>  |  |
| Useful Websites  |  |
| <p><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/">http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/">https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/victorian_britain/">http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/victorian_britain/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/victorian-britain/">https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/victorian-britain/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/ancient-egypt/">https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/ancient-egypt/</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather/2641181">http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather/2641181</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/earth/weather/">https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/earth/weather/</a></p> | <p><a href="http://www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk">http://www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zxsbcdm">http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zxsbcdm</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/ztyr9j6">http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/ztyr9j6</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/riversandcoasts/coasts/whatis_coast/index.shtml">http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/riversandcoasts/coasts/whatis_coast/index.shtml</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/coastline">http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/coastline</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/earth/coasts/">https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/earth/coasts/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/more-find-out/festivals-and-holidays/passover/">https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/more-find-out/festivals-and-holidays/passover/</a></p> |