



Year 3 and 4 Newsletter

Dear Parents

I write as we begin the final term 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 trip to West Stow today and also their Horstead residential 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 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. Both can be viewed using the new school portal <https://townclose.myschoolportal.co.uk/>. You can also access curriculum information there as well as in 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 reiterate the importance of fully completing reading homework each night, wherever possible in the presence of an adult who is able to discuss the book and help with answering one of the comprehension questions.

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 both girls and boys will have a combination of cricket, swimming and athletics. For games and athletics, the children 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 next Tuesday afternoon, followed by the Horstead talk for Year 4 pupils and parents.

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, diaries 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 why Christians find Jesus 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 completing their Judaism topic before learning how people express spiritual ideas through the arts.

Further information regarding the curriculum is available via the parent portal or website.

Important Dates	Events for Parents
Friday 26 th April – Year 4 West Stow Trip Thursday 2 nd May – Year 3 Christchurch Visit Monday 20 th May – Year 3&4 Exam Week Wednesday 26 th June – Royal Norfolk Show Day Monday 1 st July – Year 3 ‘Rock Circus’ Activity Day	Tuesday 30 th April – Tea and Cake for Y3-5 Parents - 3.45pm Tuesday 30 th April – Horstead Information Evening - 4.30pm Wednesday 15 th May – 4B Class Assembly Wednesday 15 th May – Y3 Soloists’ Concert (16.15) Wednesday 19 th June – 4R Class Assembly Wednesday 3 rd July – 4V Class Assembly Friday 5 th July – Prep Sports Day
Year 4 Horstead Residential	
The Year 4 residential visit to Horstead takes place from Wednesday 5 th to Friday 7 th June 2019.	
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.com.au/about-cadbury/the-story-of-cadbury.aspx 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 https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/articles/zmqwscw https://www.nationalgeographic.com/science/earth/surface-of-the-earth/coastlines/ https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/physical-geography/15-cool-things-about-rainforests/ http://www.switchedonkids.org.uk/ http://www.3dgeography.co.uk/australian-geography