

Class 3 Newsletter - Summer term April 2010

Dear Parents,

Hope you all had an enjoyable Easter and that the Year 4's recovered from their adventures at Caythorpe Court. I also hope that your child is ready for their last term for this academic year which will see the children in Year 4 leave us to venture on to pastures new.

During this term we will be studying the following topics:

Literacy	Children will experience and analyse a wide range of different genres: fictional texts, we will be exploring narrative texts with historical settings. We will investigate information reports in non fiction texts such as newspapers and magazines. We will focus on developing the quality of independent writing and an increased understanding of reading text through comprehension and guided reading sessions. Sounds-Write sessions will reinforce children's segmenting and blending skills to read and spell an increasing range of vocabulary.
Numeracy	Counting, place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, shape, time, money, measures.
Science	Humans. In studying Humans and other animals, we will be looking at life processes, teeth, food and nutrition, exercise, the human body and food chains.
ICT	Unit 4e Logo and Unit 3d Simulations. They will be learning how to use Superlogo to draw basic shapes by directing a computer robot, and how computers are used to create simulated environments.
DT	Snacks. We will be investigating a range of different food types and then using this information to create their own balanced, healthy sandwich.
Art	Clay - the children will be exploring different ways of using clay to create model houses which will link to our Geography topic about the village, and will learn how to effectively join pieces of clay together.
Geography (first half term)	Local study. We will be looking at the local area and using a variety of mapping skills to create our own maps of the village.
History (second half term)	Invaders & Settlers - The Vikings. We will be looking at life in Viking times, why they invaded and why they settled.
PE	Tuesday -Swimming. Friday- Cricket, Athletics and Dance. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school every Monday and remains there all week. Trainers or plimsolls will be needed this term (jogging bottoms and a warm top required if weather is a bit cool). Please remove any earrings on these days.
RE	Food and Fasting. We will be comparing different religions and finding out how food and fasting is used and influences their religious beliefs.
Music	Developing children's musical composition using a range of instruments and musical software.
PHSCE	Relationships and Changes. We will be looking at relationships between family and friends and then consider the impact of changes in children's lives especially the transition to new schools.

Class 3 homework: Please support your child with regular reading, weekly spellings, and their Learning Log tasks. These will be given out on a **Thursday** and will be expected back in school by **Thursday** of the following week. Children are asked to learn their spellings and write 5 sentences using their words. Each week we will concentrate on learning different multiplication and division facts.

Please help your child remember to undertake the homework and return it on time as well as ensuring they bring their reading books into school in order that they can read **daily**.

Your child's PE kit should consist of: trainers/plimsolls, white t-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms and a warm top until the weather improves. **This term swimming will be on Tuesday mornings. Parental support is required to accompany Class 3 swimming, can parents please take turns for this rota, the coach departs approximately 9.15 and arrives back at school at 11.00am.**

Class teacher Mrs C White

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