

WELCOME BACK

We hope that you all have had a lovely Easter break. Last term was very busy and it was lovely to welcome you back into school to celebrate the progress your child is making. This newsletter outlines some of the things your child will be learning in school this half term.

MATHS

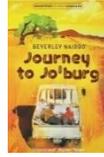


Year 3 will be completing a unit of work on addition and subtraction and in daily fluency lessons will be practising the 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

Year 4 will be completing a unit of work on division and  

multiplication and geometry. We will be practising our tables in preparation for the multiplication tables check (MTC) which is statutory for primary schools and is essential for success in mathematics. Year 4 teaching staff will send out further information about the MTC.

ENGLISH

Year 3 are reading Journey to Jo'Burg by Beverley Naidoo. The children will use this  text to compose a digital report. In whole class reading sessions, we will be focusing on the reading and performing of poetry, beginning with 'My Shadow' by Robert Louis Stevenson.



Year 4 are reading the book 'Secrets of the Sun King' by Emma Carroll. The children will use this text to write an information text as well as a narrative. In whole class reading sessions, we will be reading poetry by Allan Ahlberg including 'Please Mrs Butler' and 'Excuses' as well as looking at alternative fairy tales e.g. The Egyptian Cinderella.

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Year 3's unit of work is 'What are the deeper meanings of festivals?' The children will be comparing beliefs and practices between different faiths.

This term in year 4, the children will complete the unit of work on 'How and why do believers show their commitments during the journey of life?' and will comparing rites of passage in different faiths including Christianity and Sikhism.



PE

PE will be on a Tuesday and Friday for Year 3 and a Thursday for Year 4. In addition to this, Year 4 JL will have their two-week swimming block. On your child's PE days, please can your child come to school in their PE kit. **Long hair must be tied up and earrings preferably removed.**

OTHER SUBJECTS

In DT, Year 4 will be working with Mr Stott to use simple circuits and switches to make a product. In science, Year 3 & 4 will be looking at skeletons in other animals, nutrition and a balanced diet, and Year 4 will also look at food chains. In history, Year 4 will complete their study on Romans. Year 3 will continue their Ironstone Mining study.

HOMEWORK

Daily reading

Please can you hear your child read their scheme book daily for about 10 minutes and make a record of this in their homework diary. Your child should be able to read this book easily as it is meant for fluency practise only.

Spellings & Spelling Shed

Please encourage your child to practise their spellings in their homework spelling book using continuous cursive handwriting and playing spelling games on Spelling Shed regularly.



TT Rock Stars



Children need to recall their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8- and 10-times tables by the end of Year 3 to be attaining the expected standard in maths. In Year 4, children need to know all their times tables up to 12 X 12. Regular practise on TT Rock Stars will support your child's accuracy and quick recall. Regular practise on TT Rock Stars will help your children prepare for the Year 4

MTC.

Writing & Maths homework

Each week your child will be set on additional English or maths task linked to class learning. This will be set on a Monday and should be handed in **by** the following Monday.

In the event that you have any concerns, please do get in contact. You can write a note in your child's homework diary, leave a message at the office or contact the class teacher by email.

Mrs Blakemore, Miss Brazier, Miss Bullock, Miss Johnson, Mrs Lauder, Miss Lacy & Mrs Mitra