



Welcome to Year 3/4 from Miss Ransom, Miss Harston and Miss Lloyd



We hope you've had a fantastic summer and are now ready to start the new school year. We're looking forward to hearing about what you got up to over the holiday and working together as a class to get stuck into all the exciting topics this year. We hope that you enjoy the new challenges and approaches to learning that Y3/4 has to offer!

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We have a very exciting year ahead! Our first topic is "Sweet like chocolate!" We will be investigating the origins of chocolate and comparing it to where it is exported to! Children will be working towards an enterprise topic, designing, promoting and selling their own chocolate product.

Reading Logs

Your child will bring a reading book home every day. Please continue to listen to them read as often as possible. Every time your child reads and their reading log is filled in, like in KS1, they receive a stamp. These stamps are continued from KS1 and they add up to reading prizes. A minimum of 3 reads per week are expected, however please try to read every day, even for a short period, because research has shown a clear link between reading at home and progress. We realise that children and their families have commitments out of school but we really do appreciate every effort from home.

Homework

Homework diaries need to be in school every day. Regular homework will be sent home on a Wednesday or Thursday and needs to be handed in by the following Monday, this gives us time to mark it before sending out the new piece. Homework diaries need to be in school every day as your child's maths teacher may set homework on any day. Homework diaries need to be signed by parents/carers each week and this will be checked on a Monday. There is a prize awarded to the class who have the most signed Homework Diaries handed in so it is important for the class that they are all in! It is important that children complete tasks because homework either consolidates learning for the week or provides an opportunity for the children to do some preparation for the following week. We hope the tasks will be an opportunity for you to work together with your child on a stimulating and meaningful task that will help your child make the progress they deserve during the year.

Blog

The school website is used as a vital link between home and school. It is a fantastic tool for celebrating the successes children have in school put also as an anchor for home learning. It is great to see children learning at school but it is a massive achievement if children come home and share their learning with you and this is what is so good to see on the blog! It is a chance for children to blog their comments, but it is also a chance for you to have your say! Children love to see comments and questions from their parents/carers on the blog and so do we!

General Reminders...

- PE will usually be on Thursdays however this may change so it is helpful if every pupil has a full PE kit in school every day. Please ensure your child has clearly labelled PE kit (suitable for indoors or outdoors) in school all week (rainy days may mean that outdoor PE sessions have to take place on different days). Your child needs to ensure they have their correct kit and that all jewellery is taken out before school. **Earrings have to be removed, we cannot allow children to take part in PE lessons wearing earrings even if they have plasters over them!**
- The year 4's will be swimming on Thursday afternoons therefore swimming kits will need to be in school.
- Dinner money needs to be paid into the school office, machine (FS playground) or online (parentpay).