



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



We hope you've had a fantastic Easter and are now ready to start the Summer term. We're looking forward to hearing about what you got up to over the holidays and working together as a class to get stuck into all the exciting topics this term. We'd like to thank you for all your support so far and look forward to another term of working with you.

Year 3/4

Our topic this term is called 'Extreme Explorers' where we will be delving in to Geography around the world. We will become explorers learning all about rivers and how they form this half term. We will think about the elements of the water cycle and use specific language to describe these processes. Our second half term will focus on field sketches, maps and weather, including EXTREME weather.

In Literacy we will be looking at myths and legends, eventually creating our own Quest Myth with our very own beasts!

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, 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. Many of our books in Year 3/4 are new and so we value the care you and your children take with them.

Homework

Homework diaries need to be in school every day. We aim to send regular homework home on a Wednesday or Thursday and this 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. We would also like to reiterate that times tables and spellings are continued homework for your child to be doing. It is important that children revisit times tables and spellings in order to deepen their understanding.

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! Be aware that homework may sometimes be posted on the Blog.

General Reminders...

- PE will usually be on Thursdays however this may change so it is important that 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!**
- Dinner money needs to be paid into the school office, machine (FS playground) or online (parentpay).
- As space is limited in cloak rooms we encourage you to allow your child to come into school independently.
- Please do not hesitate to come in and ask questions if you have any.
- All children need indoor shoes and these must be clearly labelled.