

# Year 3/4 Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2

### The Year 3/4 Teaching Team

#### Class 5



Miss Evans Mrs Pattison

#### Class 6



Mr Gamble Mrs Horsley  
(Phase Leader)

#### Class 7



Miss Boyd Miss Briscoe



### English

Children will be using the text 'The Animals of Farthing Wood' to inspire their writing. The book is a re-telling of Colin Dann's original and pupils will be using the text to write their own stories, diaries and poems based on the adventures of the animals and their heroic journey, focusing this half-term on using pro-nouns, speech marks and determiners.

### Maths

We will be taking our place value knowledge to the next level by investigating the four operations this term. How well do we know the terminology related to each operation? Can we solve word problems efficiently and estimate answers? Each method will be analysed and practised so we feel confident applying these basic skills across different areas.

### Reading

Please encourage your child to read at least three times a week at home, for at least 15 minutes each time, filling in the date, book title, and page number in your child's new reading journal which they will receive soon. Please support your child's understanding of the text by asking questions about what they've read.



### Science - States of Matter

We will be comparing and grouping solids, liquids and gasses whilst observing how materials change state depending on temperature. We will investigate the freezing and melting points of certain solids and liquids and learn about creating fair investigations to answer our predictions. We will also learn all about the water cycle and identify the part played by evaporation and condensation.

### Forest Schools/D.T /ICT

**Forest Schools:** Pupils will continue to build upon their Forest Schools skillset by creating fires using flint and steel, whittling wood using knives and sawing larger pieces of wood using bow saws. As a result, pupils will also develop resilience and collaboration skills.

**DT:** Building a habitat. one and texture. Pupils will plan, build and evaluate a range of animal habitats including bug hotels and hedgehog homes.

**ICT:** How Computers Work. This half-term, pupils will learn how computers work, including elements such as the internet, software and apps. In particular, pupils will learn about search engines and how key words are used to rank and filter results.

### P.E

Year 3 and 4 will be covering gymnastics and boccia in PE this half-term.

PE kit should be brought into school every Monday and taken home every Friday for washing. Swimming will be on a Wednesday for Year 4.

### MFL - French

We will be learning how to ask and answer common phrases such as 'how are you' alongside some common greetings whilst also learning how to ask someone for their name and how old they are.



### R.E/PSHE

RE: Christianity- Beliefs and Practices - Advent and Christmas.

PSHE: Drugs, tobacco and alcohol education.

P4C: Are all drugs bad for you?

### Important Dates...

- 7.11.19 - LKS2 Parent Workshop @2pm.
- 13.12.19 - LKS2 trip to Tinshill Free Church.
- 18.12.19 - LKS2 Christmas Production for parents @2pm.
- 20.12.19 - School closes for Christmas.



## Attendance



Thank you for sending your children to school every day and arriving at 8:45 so that we are all ready to begin the days learning. As you know, 'Every Day Counts'

If you have any questions, concerns or want to discuss any aspect of your child's learning, please come and speak to a member of the Year 3/4 teaching team after school, on any day!

