

# Year 3/4 Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2

### The Year 3/4 Teaching Team

#### Class 4



Mr Gamble  
(Phase Leader)



Mrs Greaves



Mrs Murray



Miss Evans



Mrs Jackson



Miss Bennett



Mrs Horsley

#### Class 6

#### Class 7



### English

This half-term we are using the book 'I Was There...Boudicca's Army' by Hilary McKay. The book is set towards the end of the Iron Age when Roman invaders arrive. First, we will write a letter of complaint as one of the characters from the book to the Romans and then to Boudicca to protest at their treatment by the invaders. After that, we will read on further and use the second half of the story to write our own adventure stories based on characters and plots from the story.

### 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, taught and practised so we feel confident applying these fundamental skills across different areas. At the upcoming parent consultations, parents will be given examples of the written methods to take home at the expected level for their child.

### Reading

Please encourage your child to read their school reading book out loud to an adult at least three times a week at home, for at least 15 minutes each time and record it in your child's reading diary.

Please support your child's understanding of the text by asking questions about what they've read.



### Topic - Iron Age - History and Geography

We are continuing our journey through the ages this half-term and will begin in the Bronze Age. Here, we will learn about the Amesbury Archer, a fossilised Bronze Age skeleton discovered near the site of Stonehenge. Then we will journey to the Iron Age to learn about hill forts and roundhouses, before comparing aspects of life from the Stone Age to the Iron Age.

### Science

This half-term we are learning about 'Rocks and Fossils.' We shall be grouping and classifying different types of rocks based on their properties as well as understanding how rocks, and fossils, are formed. To do this, we will be using melted chocolate to test how rocks are formed, test their durability and how porous they are using a range of materials and make our own fossils using plaster and clay moulds. We will also be observing similarities and differences between different types of rock and fossils and use diagrams to explain our understanding of scientific processes. We will then continue to work on our science experiment recording skills by writing up our predictions, results and conclusions using precise scientific vocabulary to explain our findings accurately.

### Computing

This half-term our work is all about computer sciences and how to communicate over the internet, such as via e-mail. We will continue to learn how computer networks work and how they can provide multiple services and the opportunities they offer for communication and collaboration.

### Art

We are learning about sculpture through exploring the work of famous sculptors who use the human form, such as Giocometti and Henry Moore, to create our own sculptures.

### PE

We are learning about invasion games on Tuesdays and will be looking at tactics and various skills to use in competitive matches. Year 3 are also doing a rainforest inspired dance on Wednesdays. Swimming will be on a Wednesday for Year 4.

### MFL - French

Our French topic is 'Family and Friends' where we will continue to broaden and develop our oral skills. We will speak in sentences, using familiar vocabulary, phrases and basic language structures; developing our accurate pronunciation of specific words.

### PSHE

**Year 3:** Health and Wellbeing - keeping safe at home and school, hygiene. Our key question is 'What keeps us safe?'

**Year 4:** Relationships - respect for self and others. Our key question is 'How do we treat each other with respect?'

### DT and Food Tech

In woodwork, we're finishing our Stone Age houses. We'll use tools to complete the task then evaluate our models, focusing on strengths and areas to improve. In Food Tech, we are making parmesan chicken nuggets and will write up our evaluation.

### RE

We'll study and compare the main festivals and ceremonies of different faiths from the UK.

### Forest School

We will be learning how to create round-houses using sticks, tarps and willow.

### Music

We will compose tuned percussion melodies and learn our play songs.

### Important Dates...

- 7/8.11.22 – Parent Consultations - Book via the app.
- 21- 23.11.22 – Year 4 Robinwood Residential.
- 15.12.22 – LKS2 Christmas Production - 2:30pm start time.

