



Year 3/4 Newsletter

Summer Term 1 2024/25

We hope that you all had a lovely Easter break!

This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.



The Year 3/4 Team:	
3CB (3NI)	Christian Booth with Syleena Samuels
3LS	Lydia Saunders with Gianni James
4GS	Ghislaine Seaton
4BG	Josie Blake/Vikki Gale
34BW	Sheryl Burton/Leanne Witchell

Geography – Conservation: Our Local Area.



This half term, we will be carrying out lots of fieldwork in our local area to help us answer our **Enquiry Question**: How has my local area changed over time and what is the impact of those changes?

We will be researching what our local area used to look like and identifying how it has changed. We will carry out mapping activities and identify human and physical features around us. We will carry out surveys to identify how our local area is used and learn to present our data using tables and graphs. We will discuss the impact of changes in society on the natural environment, including learning about the impacts of climate change. We will evaluate our local area's strengths and weaknesses and think about changes we would like to make.

English – Our Tower

This half term, we will be reading *Our Tower*, by Joseph Coelho. This magical story follows three children living in a tower block, as they embark on a fantastical adventure which helps them see their home in a new light. Inspired by our reading, we will create soundscape poems, setting descriptions, letters and diary entries. The unit of learning will culminate with the children writing their own fantasy narrative based on this book.



Reading – One of the most effective ways you can support your child with their academic progress and development is through reading together regularly. Your child will receive a book from school which they should look after, and bring into school each day.

Children should be reading at home each day, with an adult, for 20 minutes. Please sign your child's reading record each day to show they are reading daily and so they can earn rewards in school. Please note, there is a £5 charge for lost books.



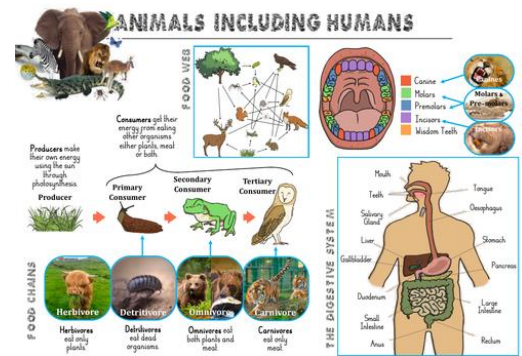
Maths - This term we will be continuing our work on fractions as well as looking at Mass and Capacity (year 3) and decimals (year 4). Children will be recapping all the timestables they have learnt so far and work on faster recall of these facts. Please practise timestables with your children as they will help build your child's confidence and fluency in Maths. By the end of Year 4 all children should know all their times tables fluently.



You can support your child at home by completing the homework they receive each Friday and practising times tables.

Don't forget to log on to Times Tables Rockstars <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>

Science - Our science focus this term is *Animals including Humans*. The children will learn about food groups and a healthy diet and will study the musculoskeletal system. They will find out how it provides the body with form, support, stability, and movement. We will also make comparisons with non-human animals and carry out sorting and classifying activities.



R.E - This half term our Big Question in RE is ***How did Jesus and Buddha make people stop and think?*** We will learn the meaning of religious stories from these faiths and think about how they relate to a range of different religious and non-religious beliefs.

P.E - In PE this half term we will be focusing on Striking and Fielding as well as Orienteering and Outdoor Adventurous Activities (OAA).

All children **must** wear their PE kit into school on the specified days. PE kit should consist of plain navy (black if necessary) bottoms (leggings, shorts or tracksuit bottoms), a white school t-shirt or gem house t-shirt and trainers. This should be worn with a school jumper or cardigan.

3NI	Monday	Thursday
3LS	Monday	Thursday
34BW	Tuesday	Friday
4BG	Tuesday	Wednesday
4GS	Monday	Wednesday

P\$HE - This half term, we will be focusing on relationships, including; persuasion and pressure, exclusion and inclusion, and mental wellbeing.

SPANISH - In Year 3 we will be looking at *Ancient Britain* in Spanish. In Year 4 we will be looking at *Our Classroom*.



Music - This half term, we will be continuing to work with Duncan to develop our singing, composition and performance skills.



Computing – In computing this half term, we will be using audio recording equipment and software to create a podcast.
We will also continue our important work on online safety.



On behalf of the year 3/4 team, we look forward to working with you this half term.
Thank you in advance for your support and please do contact your class teacher if you have any questions.

Over the term we will be sharing examples of the work your children will be doing in class on our year group webpage: <https://www.thegemfederation.co.uk/bessemer-primary/learning-hub/classes/>