



Year 3/4 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2024/25



We hope that you all had a wonderful, well-earned Summer 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.

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History / Geography - Our topic this half term is Stone Age to Iron Age.

We will be learning about what life was like then and how and why it changed. We will find out about the impact the changes had on people's lives.

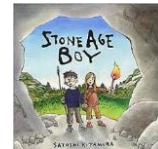


You will also be receiving this term's **topic homework and knowledge organiser** via email.

Additionally, these will be shared on your child's Google Classroom page. Your child will receive a paper version and homework book from their class teacher.

English - This half term, we will be looking at narrative with a particular focus on setting and character description as well as re-telling stories.

Our class texts will be: 'The Stone Age Boy' and 'The First Drawing'



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



Maths - This half term we will begin with place value and we will move on to addition and subtraction.

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 - This half term, we will be learning about Rocks. This will include: comparing and grouping together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties, describing in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock, and recognising that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.



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R.E – This half term we will be learning about the Hindu festival, Holi.

P.E –

This term, year 3 and 34BW will have an indoor session for Gymnastics and year 4 will have cricket that will be delivered by specialist coaches.

All children **must** wear their PE kit into school on the specified days. PE kit should consist of plain navy (black or grey 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	Friday	Wednesday
4BG	Thursday	Wednesday
4GS	Monday	Wednesday

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PSHE - This half term, we will be focussing on health and wellbeing.

Music - This half term, we will be completing the unit called 'Animal Magic'. This will focus on composition and performance.



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Computing - This half term, we are learning about computing systems and networks.

On behalf of the year 3/4 team, we look forward to working with you this year.
 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/>