



Year 3/4 Newsletter

Spring Term 2 2024/25



We hope that you all had a lovely half term 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.

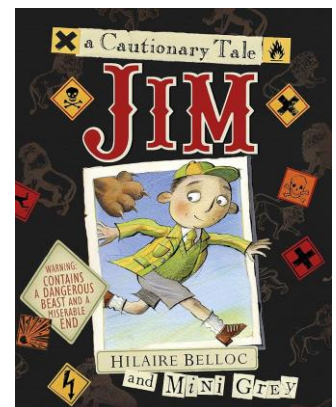
The Year 3/4 Team:	
3NI	Najma Ibrahim with Syleena Samuels
3LS	Lydia Saunders with Gianni James
4GS	Ghislaine Seaton
4BG	Josie Blake/Vikki Gale
34BW	Sheryl Burton/Leanne Witchell

History - Our topic this half term is Ancient Egypt .

We are very excited to be continuing to learn all about Ancient Egypt and exploring “How Ancient Egypt lasted for 3000 years?”, with a focus on Ancient Egyptian society. We will be studying how Ancient Egyptians lived on a daily basis, their beliefs (Gods and Goddesses) and what different societal roles there were during that time. There will also be spotlight lessons on specific Ancient Egyptians and their importance. The children will also have a chance to write in hieroglyphs.



English - This half term, we will be starting looking at *A Cautionary Tale – Jim* which is a fiction text written by Hilaire Belloc and Mini Grey. We will be exploring the text through looking at some of the features relevant for a tale. After that, we will be planning and writing our own tale! The children will have the opportunity to perform this to the rest of the class.




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 regularly and so they can earn rewards in school. Please note, there is a £5 charge for lost books.



Maths - This term we will be moving onto length and perimeter. Children will start by finding the perimeter of different shapes before they move on to finding missing lengths.

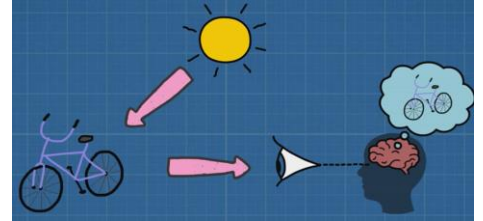
 Please continue to practise times tables with your children as they will help build your child's confidence and fluency in Maths. By the end of Year 4 all children should know all their times tables fluently.



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 Plants. The children will be developing their understanding of plants by learning the scientific names for each part. They will also have the chance to engage in some experiments. Children will work scientifically to carry out different tests, asking questions, recording data and explaining what they have found out.



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R.E – This half term we will be learning about what is special to each individual and how our community influences us.
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P.E – Year 3 will have an indoor session for dance and an outdoor session for tennis. 3/4BW and Year 4 will have two weekly tennis lessons outdoors.

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

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PSHE - This half term, we will be focusing on the wider world and being part of a community.
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SPANISH – In Year 3 we will be looking at musical instruments in Spanish. In Year 4 we will be looking at Ancient Britain.
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Music - This half term, we will be continuing to work with Duncan to develop our singing, composition and performance skills.
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Computing - This half term, we are learning about databases

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/>