

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had an amazing summer filled with lots of adventures. We are thrilled to be welcoming year 4 back into Class 3 and cannot wait to welcome our new year 3 pupils. We have so many things to look forward to this term and we cannot wait to get started.

Homework will be sent via seesaw on **Tuesday** and returned by **Monday**. Paper copies are available upon request. Spellings will be handed out and tested each **Thursday**. Any additional tasks relating to other subjects will be uploaded to Seesaw- so please ensure you check this regularly.

Learning times tables in years 3 and 4 continues to be a huge focus. We have a subscription to TTRS and expect children to access this for 10-15 minutes per day. A National test will take place at the end of year 4. Each week we have a class battle, the overall winner of this battle will get the honour of receiving the class trophy to keep for the week.

An adult will hear your child read on an individual basis at least once a week, though the day may vary - it is therefore important that reading books are in school every day. May we also take this opportunity to remind you of the impact that regular reading at home will also have on your child's progress. Your child must complete a quiz and an adult will enter the results into their home diary.

Maths

Children will focus on various aspects of maths, including:

- Place value.
- Addition and subtraction.
- Arithmetic.
- Multiplication tables-keep an eye on seesaw for the schedule.

English

The focus text in English is 'The Chronicles of Narnia' by C.S. Lewis, we will be writing short stories, newspapers and letters. The SPAG focus will include:

- Apostrophe for possession and contraction.
- Using a / an.
- Expanded noun phrases.
- Speech marks.
- Fronted adverbials.
- Conjunctions.

ICT We will begin the term covering vital e-safety skills, we will use common sense media and cyber detectives. We will look at creating powerful passwords, learn about who we can trust on the internet and who we can seek help from. Then we will move onto looking at Microsoft word and associated skills such as typing, editing text, inserting a text box and saving documents.

Science

Our science this term is based on the topic named Rocks. We will learn about the cycle of a rock; fossils and we will learn to classify different types of rocks and soils. We will develop our scientific enquiry skills by testing rocks to see what will be most suitable in different scenarios.

History

We will be learning about the Romans this year, beginning the topic with why the Roman's marched through County Durham. The children will learn who the ancient Romans were and why they invaded, while developing their knowledge of how to use historical sources. Children will also explore why the Roman army was so effective at conquering ancient Briton.

PE

This half term we will be focusing on Athletics and swimming. PE will take place each **Monday** and **Tuesday**, school PE kits should be worn on both days. Swimming will continue to be on **Tuesday**.

RE

The first focus is family. We will explore our own families and then we will progress to Jesus' family. We will explore family members such as Abraham, Joseph and Solomon. We will pay special attention to Proverbs in the bible.

Art

The children will hone their sketching, painting and printing skills through the concept of fantasy art. We will look at other artists portrayals of fantasy art including mermaids, fairies and dragons.

Music

The children will be exploring marching music including Tchaikovsky's March of the Toy Soldier and John Williams' Imperial March. We will learn to keep a steady beat; notation and we will explore the Orchestra.

RSHE

Children will learn that we live in a diverse and multicultural society that bring many benefits. Children will learn to be respectful of difference and what living in a democracy means.

French

We will be looking at the topic called Transport, we will learn about cognates, transport vocabulary and will speak and write sentences in French.

Kind regards,
Mrs Tervit and Mrs Fortune