

Year 3 / 4 Class Newsletter

Term 2

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a relaxing week off and are ready for another busy term. This term is always extremely busy but is one of the most enjoyable as we lead up to Christmas. We have lots to look forward to this term.

Coats and Wellies

Just a gentle reminder that as the weather changes all children must have a coat and all children must have wellies at break and lunch times to be able to access the field during all weathers.

P.E

There will be no change regarding P.E kits this term, they must be in all week. We will be having P.E on a Tuesday afternoon and on a Thursday afternoon (Future Stars Coaches).

Reading

The children will need their books in school every day and it would be fantastic if you could read with your child every evening at home. Every little bit really does help. Please make sure if you have seen your child reading for 15min that you write it in their reading diary and tick and initial the front sheet so that they can continue to "Race to stars."

Creative Curriculum

This term we are continuing with our topic "Prehistoric Britain". Our focus is on volcanoes and earthquakes where we will be learning about plate tectonics and what life is like in volcanic areas.

Home Learning

First, well done to all the children who brought in two pieces of home learning last term. I was extremely impressed with the effort that everyone put in.

On the back of this letter you will find this terms home learning. The children are again required to complete at least **two** tasks by the end of the first term; in the final week of term we will be sharing what everyone has completed.

Please make sure that your children are also practising their spellings in their spelling homework books. They can use any style, the ideas on how to practise are in the back of their books. These will continue to be sent out on Friday to then be tested on the following Friday.

This term we will start our times tables practice using Times table Rockstar's, so any help you can give your child will be great as they will all be wanting to be rock heroes soon.

Please don't hesitate to make an appointment to see me if you have any issues you would like to discuss.

Best wishes,

Mr Manning

Term 2 - Home Learning

Your homework for this term is **YOUR CHOICE!** You have been given **9 activities** to choose from and I would like you to complete at least **2** of them by the end of the term. Of course, you can complete more than **2**, however **2 is the minimum** you must do. Your homework only needs to fill **one side of A4 Paper** and should be **your own work**. Please try to do a variety of tasks. You can bring your homework when you have completed it.

<p><u>Evacuate</u></p> <p>There has been a natural disaster! All of your family and pets are unhurt but you have been told you must leave your house. What ten items would you choose to take with you and why?</p>	<p><u>Presenting the news</u></p> <p>Imagine you are presenting the news. Can you prepare a report and write down at least five questions which you would ask someone if they had just survived a natural disaster?</p>	<p><u>Safe buildings</u></p> <p>Can you design a new building which is capable of surviving a natural disaster? You could draw it, you can make it or any other way you want to present your idea</p>
<p><u>Let's get Poetic!</u></p> <p>Write a poem about a volcano. You could write a riddle, an acrostic poem or a haiku.</p>	<p><u>Volcano Fact File</u></p> <p>Volcanic activity is happening all over the world. Can you create a fact file about a volcano of your choice? You can choose to present it anyway you like.</p>	<p><u>Survival guide</u></p> <p>Create a survival guide explaining how to survive a natural disaster such as an earthquake or a volcanic eruption. Remember to include the instructions. You could make it pop-up.</p>
<p><u>Story Time</u></p> <p>Create an adventure story about any character who must travel to a volcano to learn something or defeat a monster.</p>	<p><u>Creative Collage</u></p> <p>Create a collage picture of a volcano using magazine or newspaper clippings.</p>	<p><u>Word Search</u></p> <p>Can you create a word search using the names of different volcanoes?</p>