



## Spring 2 2024 Newsletter Year 3 and 4



As we come to the end of another half term, we are all very proud of all the hard work from Year 3 and 4. The children have achieved lots across the whole curriculum.

We are looking forward to lots of exciting things over the next half term, as we hope to see some sunnier skies and warmer weather! Thank you to all parents for your continued support.

Mrs Benn, Mrs Guest, Mrs Higgins, Miss Joy and Miss West

### What have we been doing?

Pupils have produced some excellent poetry this term; they explored onomatopoeias and rhyme. We used Roger McGough's Sound Collector as a model and wrote their own versions, using sounds from different celebrations. The poems were amazing and we have enjoyed sharing them. We then moved on to writing speech, thinking about how we can show characters through their speech. Children have been extremely active in their indoor PE lessons as they turned into Incredible Superheroes in sessions that have been run with the help of the Erewash Sports Partnership. In Science, children have enjoyed learning all about Electricity and creating and testing their own electrical circuits. In History, we have delved into the Stone and Bronze age eras, and we are looking forward to continuing this theme as we start rehearsing for our play next half term....watch this space! In R&W we have been privileged to have Prashant come and speak to us all about Hinduism and the Hindu community that he is a part of; thank you to all parents who donated to his food bank– he was very grateful for the generosity. The children have also enjoyed an Avengers workshop to learn and reinforce the importance of safe internet use. As St Wilfrid's Church looks to celebrate their 750th Anniversary, children have been creating art work to be displayed at the Church for the community to enjoy. It has been a busy time; well done Year 3 & 4!!



### Reading

Reading is such an important life skill and helps all children to access learning at school. Daily reads are an essential element of a child's reading progression and it is really good to see so many children and their families acknowledging this and working so hard. Many thanks for your continued support with this, it really does make the greatest difference. Remember that reading for pleasure can be reading a sign, recipe, comic strip or magazine as well as your child's school reading book.

Please continue to log all reads in your child's reading record, this can be in the form of a comment or simply just an initial to acknowledge a read has taken place. Make sure your child hands in their reading record so their teacher can add on their Dojo points for reading at home.

### Baby News!!



We are all thrilled that Mrs Wilderspin welcomed her beautiful baby girl, Elodie, early this year! Congratulations!

## Our Curriculum in Spring 2

### **Maths Year 3**

Fractions  
Mass  
Capacity



### **Maths Year 4**

Fractions  
Decimals



### **English**

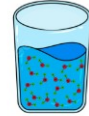
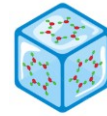
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### **Science**

Solids, Liquids and Gases  
(States of Matter)



SOLID

LIQUID

GAS

### **R&W**

Why do some people think life is like a journey?

To include a Jewish Visitor Workshop

### **Computing**

Information Technology: Sharing and Presenting Ideas

### **French**

Carnival, Colours and Playground Games



### **PE**

Indoor - Fitness Skills

Outdoor - Handball/Netball

Lions: Tuesday & Thursday

Tigers: Tuesday & Friday



### **PSHE**

Healthy Me



### **Music**

Pentatonic Melodies and Composition



### **Thrive**

Our individual class focus

### **Upcoming dates:**

Monday 24th February - Jewish Visitor Workshop

Tuesday 25th February 5.30pm - Y4 Edale Trip parent meeting 5.30pm

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day

Tuesday 2nd April 2pm - Play Performance 1

Wednesday 3rd April 9.10am - Play Performance 2

April 4th - End of Term

*Summer Term begins on Tuesday 22nd April*

### **Geography**

The Americas: A Continent of Contrasts



### **Times Tables**

In Summer 2 all children in Year 4 complete the statutory Multiplication Tables Check, to assess their recall of their times tables which is essential to future success in Mathematics.

As well as weekly coverage and practise across the Key Stage within Maths sessions, we also encourage children to practice regularly at home through Times Table RockStars.

We would hate for lack of internet access to be a barrier to any pupils success, there are regular opportunities across the week for pupils to access TT RockStars at lunchtime under the supervision of their class teachers. Please get your child to ask their teacher if they would like to practise more in school!



### **NUT ALLERGIES**

We have children in school who could have an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nuts or nut traces. Please only send your children to school with packed lunches that do not contain nuts or products containing nut traces. This includes Nutella and other chocolate spreads/products that contain nut traces or MAY contain nut traces, sesame topped bread or hummus dips.

Thank you!

### **A few gentle reminders:**

#### **Water Bottles**

Please provide your child with a named plastic water bottle. Please do not send disposable water bottles, as we are working hard to reduce waste and to encourage the children to use less single use plastic.

#### **Snacks**

Fresh fruit is the only snack allowed at break times, again please avoid single use plastic packaging.

#### **Pencil Cases**

We will provide all children with everything they need. Please don't bring any personal stationary or toys from home in to school, as they have a tendency to get lost and this causes unnecessary upset.

#### **Bags**

PE kits should be in drawstring bags as these are easiest to hang on pegs. A flat book bag should be used for reading books and any homework. Rucksacks are not permitted.

### **Communication**

The easiest way to contact any member of the Year 3/4 team is by using our email address:

**[Y3-4department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:Y3-4department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk)**

We will also use phone calls, texts, X (Twitter) and the school website to keep you informed.



*We hope you have found this information sheet helpful. If there is anything else you would like to know please ask.*