

Year 3 & 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term 2025



Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful time off over the Christmas Holidays. Please find below a summary of the main learning areas during the next term and some general reminders.

Homework

Maths

Maths homework will be set for both year groups on Monday and will be due the following Monday. They are expected to complete 30 minutes in Year 3 and Year 4 on TT Rockstar in garage mode. Teachers will be checking on the Monday that these have been completed.

Spelling

There will be a change to the way in which spelling homework is carried out. Rather than using Spelling Shed, spelling lists will now be sent out fortnightly on ClassDojo for the children to work on. Alongside this, teachers will attach a sheet with a number of different ways for children to engage with these words, helping them to break down the patterns and revise different strategies for rehearsal. There is no set time requirement for these tasks, but we are sure that you share our belief that extra practice carried out at home is hugely beneficial to your child's learning process.

Reading

In Years 3 and 4, children need to read for the equivalent of at least 10 minutes every school night (it might be that some nights they read more than other nights). We would very much appreciate you listening to your child's reading /discussing their book with them at least twice a week. Please ensure that for each read the date, title, and pages read are completed. These will also then need to be signed by your child's responsible adult. This will really help your child to progress in reading and writing. Reading records need to be in school every week, on a Friday, and will need to include 5 records of their home reading for that week. Only AR reads should be logged and will be counted towards their 5 reads. They will also be able to supplement their reading with our 100 read books.

P.E. **Year 3:** Wednesday **Year 4 Puffin:** Monday **Year 4 Warbler:** Thursday

Please ensure that your child has the appropriate clothing and footwear in school for these lessons – a white t-shirt, plain dark shorts, pumps/trainers, warm top and dark jogging trousers. Please note: no football shirts. There may be times over the year where the schedule for P.E. might change but you will be made aware of these. Children need to have their entire P.E. kit in school all week otherwise they cannot participate. Please tie up long hair. Could you please also ensure that earrings are removed on days your child has P.E. due to health and safety reasons. Children are not able to take part in P.E. sessions if they are wearing earrings. Any other jewellery should not be worn to school. Please provide your child with a warm waterproof coat and wellington boots to suit all weather conditions so they can learn outside whatever the weather. Letters will be sent home if children forget their P.E kit. There are further consequences if children continue to forget their kit. Please refer to the uniform policy.

This term, the children will perform a play. Year 4 will be taking on the main parts and Year 3 will be performing a dance. More exciting news on this will be sent out nearer the time.

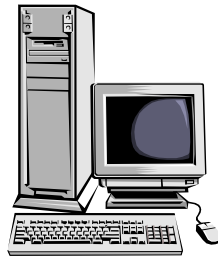
Thank you for your continued support.
Year 3 & 4 team

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History & Geography

In History, the children will be learning about how the Tudor era changed Great Britain. In Geography, we will be learning about field work by conducting surveys and presenting information.



Computing

Year 3 will be learning about comparison card databases.

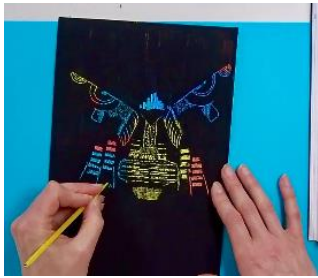
Year 4 will be learning about computational thinking.



Science

Year 3 will be learning about rocks and soil and light and shadows.

Year 4 will be learning about states of matter and sound and vibration.



Art

In Year 3, the children will be using their sketching skills to expand their skills as a growing artist.

In Year 4, the children will be using their sketching skills to observe different tinting and shading techniques.



Religion and Worldviews

In Year 3, the children will be learning about morals and will discuss what makes us human.

In Year 4, the children will be learning about how books can be teachers?



Music

Year 3 will be developing singing techniques and Year 4 will be learning about changes in pitch, tempo and dynamics.



P.E.

Year 3 will be taught by St Neots Football club.
In Year 4, they will be doing Football and Hockey.



DT

Year 3 will be constructing a castle.
Year 4 will be adapting a recipe.



PSHE

Children will be studying the unit, 'Dreams and Goals'.