

Year 3 & 4 Newsletter Autumn Term 2018-19

Welcome to Y3/4. We hope your child will enjoy being in Year 3/4 and will learn lots of new and interesting things! Each term we will send home a department Newsletter to keep you informed. It can also be viewed on the school website.

A number of adults will be involved with your child during this school year. The adults specifically assigned to Year 3 and 4 are:

Teachers

Mrs Hallsworth (Department Lead) - Panther Class (Y4 Class)
Miss West – Leopard Class (Y4 Class)
Mrs Daykin - Tiger Class (Y3 Class)
Mrs Smith (Mon-Wed) & Mrs Higgins (Thurs&Fri) – Lion Class (Y3 Class)

Teaching Assistants

Mrs Bartlett	Mrs Berwick	Mrs Hanson
Mrs Trueman	Mrs Stafford	Mrs Swift
Mrs Price		



REWARDS AND SANCTIONS

We hope that this year there will be lots of rewards and not too many sanctions!

We have a range of rewards to encourage individual good behaviour and work. This is a good source of motivation for the children and include verbal praise, Scargill Star Certificates, Scargill Citizen Awards, house points and golden time.

We have three school rules, which are:

Care about everyone and everything.

Show good manners at all times.

Follow instructions with thought and care.

If your child's behaviour does give us cause for concern, we will contact you. We also use a Behaviour Log for more serious incidents.

READING BOOKS & READING RECORDS

Home reading books will be changed regularly. Children will be reading additional books in school during Guided Reading sessions. Please encourage your child to read a range of books at home, not just school reading books. Your child will bring home a Reading Record this week. This is for parents to record and comment on their child's reading progress. Please hear your child read daily. Even Y4 'free readers' greatly benefit from reading to you as you can discuss new vocabulary and character development with them. **Please could all children bring their reading book and reading record to school every day.** We really do appreciate your support with promoting reading.

WATER BOTTLES

Please provide your child with a named bottle of water to be sipped in class in order to keep hydrated. Children must be responsible to take the bottle home at the end of the school day so it can be washed and refilled ready for the next day. Fresh fruit is the only snack allowed at break times.

PENCIL CASES

Children do not require their own pencil case as we will provide them with everything they need. However, if your child has already got one it will be useful for their homework tasks!

TIMETABLE

Monday

Mrs Hallsworth's class will be taught by Mrs Higgins as release for her Senior Management Team role.

Tuesday

Year 4 children – Swimming. A more detailed letter about this has already been sent home to Y4 children swimming this school year. Panthers will swim during the first half of the year and Leopards the second half. Panthers will need their swimming kit on Tuesdays from 25th September. Please ensure your child is at school on time as the coach leaves before 9am.

Planning Preparation and Assessment (PPA) afternoons.

Monday afternoons – Miss West will be covered by Mrs Bartlett.

Wednesday afternoons – Mrs Hanson will cover Mrs Hallsworth. Mrs Riley will cover Mrs Daykin and Mrs Bartlett will cover Miss West. Mrs Smith will be covered on some Monday afternoons by Mrs Hanson & some Wednesday afternoons by Mrs Bamford.

Indoor PE; long hair must be tied back and earrings removed (unless pierced within the last 6 weeks), pumps, shorts and short sleeved t-shirts must be worn. Tuesday - Tiger Class. Wednesday – Lion Class. Thursday – Panther & Leopard Classes.

Outdoor PE - children must bring trainers; long hair must be tied back and earrings removed. In colder weather children may wear jogging suits. Monday –Lion Class. Tuesday – Panther & Leopard classes (when not swimming) Thursday – Tiger Class.

CURRICULUM

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic	Our European Neighbours	Food Around the World	Egyptians		Mini-beasts	Savage Stone Age ! (Prehistoric)
English	Holiday recounts Roald Dahl Peter & the Wolf	Brochures/web site pages/guide books Adverts Poetry Instructions – recipes Explanation texts	Egyptian Cinderella Play scripts The Time Travelling Cat – Julia Jarman	Non – fiction News reports – Carter’s discovery of Tut’s tomb.	Honey I shrunk the kids! Poetry - performance poetry - Michael Rosen	Stone Age Boy Letters Recounts
Maths	Number & Place Value Addition & Subtraction Multiplication & Division Fractions/Decimals Statistics	Multiplication & Division Fractions/Decimals Measurement: length/height Geometry	Number & Place Value Addition & Subtraction Multiplication & Division Fractions, Decimals & Percentages Measurement: Time	Addition & Subtraction Numbers & the Number system Multiplication & Division Measurement: Mass/weight Geometry Statistics	Numbers & Place Value Addition & Subtraction Fractions, decimals & Percentages Statistics Geometry	Multiplication & Division Fractions Fractions, decimals & Percentages Measurement/number Measurement: Capacity/ Volume
Science	Animals including humans Digestive system Teeth Food chains	Animals including humans Skeletons and muscles Food and nutrition	Forces & magnets	Sound	Living things and their habitats	Rocks and Soils

HOMEWORK

Reading books } Daily practice of these skills is the best way for learning to be
Spelling/Phonics } retained.
Tables/Mental maths activity }

Weekly homework relating to one of: English, Mathematics or Topic. This task will be set on a Monday and will need to be handed in the following Monday. Over the past couple of years the children in Y3&4 have benefitted from a homework book for maths and a home work book for SPaG (Spelling Punctuation & Grammar) provided by school. Please encourage your child look after these books and to complete as much of the task set as they can. As the demands of the curriculum have increased recently, there may be terms you are unfamiliar with but be assured that any homework set is reinforcement for learning carried out in school. Google can be a help to parents with those unfamiliar terms (should the need arise!) Your support with your child’s learning at home plays a very important part towards the progress they will make. Please come and speak to your child’s teacher if you have any concerns over the homework your child is expected to complete.

The charts below outline the SPaG homework tasks for each year group. Maths will be set on the day & your child will write it in the front of their homework book. Information about weekly spellings to learn is attached to this letter.

Year 3

Week beginning	Homework
3/9/18	
10/9/18	Maths
17/9/18	SPaG p23 & 24
24/9/18	Maths
1/10/18	SPaG p5 & 6
8/10/18	Maths
15/10/18	SPaG p12 & 15
22/10/18	Maths

Year 4

Week beginning	Homework
3/9/18	
10/9/18	Maths
17/9/18	SPaG p14 & 25
24/9/18	Maths
1/10/18	SPaG p28 & 29
8/10/18	Maths
15/10/18	SPaG p18 & 33
22/10/18	Maths

WOW events

Throughout the year we will hold various 'wow' days which break away from the usual day-to day learning, in an inspiring way, to provide the best learning opportunities for our children. These could include dressing up, welcoming a visitor or going on a trip.

13/9/18 – STEM activity morning for Y4 children by Rolls Royce in school – usual school uniform required.

14/9/18 – Roald Dahl Day (a day later than the National Day!)- Children can come dressed up as a character from a Roald Dahl book. No need to buy a costume – the home-made effort will be great!

26/9/18 – European Languages Day – Children can wear the colours of any European flag. There will be some foreign language students from Kirk Hallam coming into school to work with the children.

EDALE

Last year's residential visit to Edale was a great success. The Year 4 pupils will again be going to Edale. This will take place during the week commencing **8th April 2019**. There will be a letter regarding final costs and a request for a non-refundable deposit shortly. An information evening for Y4 parents is on **21st January at 6p.m.**

CONTACTING US

As your child is maturing in independence, we don't use the home/school book in KS2. However, you can contact us via letter/note, by phone, in person (after school is better than at the start of the school day as we need to give the children our full attention in the morning) and via the school email system. We will use texts, twitter and our blog on 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.

Year 3 & 4 Team