

Year 3 & 4 Newsletter Autumn Term 2017-18

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
Mrs Daykin - Tiger Class
Mr Redhead - Rhino Class
Mrs Smith (Mon – Wed) & Mrs Higgins (Thurs & Fri) – Lion Class

Teaching Assistants

Mrs Bartlett
Mrs Berwick
Mrs Eyre
Mrs Hanson



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 works alongside praise, celebration assemblies, 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.** Please read, sign and return the Project X book letter coming home this week. We really do appreciate your support with this.

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 already has 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

Outdoor PE - children must bring trainers; long hair must be tied back and earrings removed. In colder weather children may wear jogging suits.

Year 4 children – Swimming. A more detailed letter about this has already been sent home to those children swimming during the first half of the school year. The children will be organised into two groups.

Group 1 – Rhinos & Lions (19.9.17 – 13.2.18)

Group 2 – Tigers & Panthers (27.2.18 – 3.7.18)

Planning Preparation and Assessment (PPA) afternoons.

Monday afternoons – Mrs Smith will be covered on alternate weeks by Mrs Riley.

Wednesday afternoons – Mrs Bartlett will cover Mrs Hallsworth. Mrs Hanson will cover Mrs Daykin and Mrs Bamford will cover Mr Redhead.

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. Monday - Rhino & Tiger Classes. Thursday – Lion Class. Friday – Panther Class.

CURRICULUM

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic	Rainforests	The Wild West	WWII		Active Planet	The Anglo-Saxons
English	Chocolate & Charlie & the Chocolate Factory	Poetry Myths – Native American	Friend or Foe Rose Blanche Newspaper reports		Superheroes Non-fiction	Legends - Robin Hood Poetry
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	Investigations	Circuits & Conductors	Light & Shadow		How Plants Grow	States of Matter

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.

Your support with your child's learning at home plays a very important part towards the progress they will make.

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. This term we are welcoming in Thorntons chocolatiers to deepen understanding of the chocolate making process. There will also be an exciting Scargill Book Day on Friday 20th October. More information about these days to follow shortly.

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) and via the school email system. We will use texts, twitter and our blog on the school website to keep you informed.

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 **19th March 2018**. There will be a letter regarding final costs and a request for a non-refundable deposit shortly. An information evening for Y4 parents in on **8th January at 6p.m.**

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