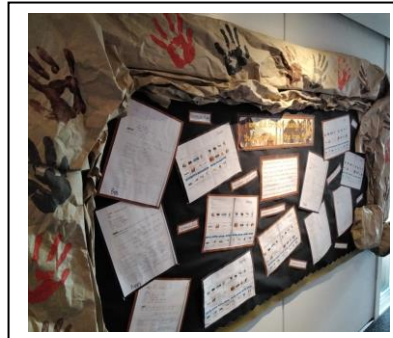




What Has Happened This Term?

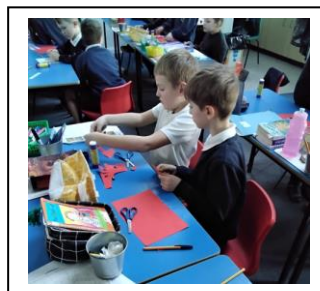
The Historical focus of the Stone Age to the Iron Age. Our trip to Cresswell Crags perfectly supported the link between school and first hand experiences. The children experienced seeing different bones, spent time in a cave and survived the cold temperatures!

More recently the children met Ug and thought about what to include in their persuasive letters to persuade him to stay with us in Scargill. Lots of rich vocabulary combined with a wide variety of reasons to encourage him to stay.



The children have also really engaged well with the music theme this term which involved learning a rap about bullying, which Mr Ord has particularly enjoyed singing around school! Have you heard your child rapping? If not, it is worth asking them to share it with you.

It is really clear from the monitoring which takes place in school that the children are learning more and remembering more- well done everyone!





For more Year 3&4 photos please visit the Year 3/4 section on our school website.

Curriculum- What will the children be learning this term?



Year 3: Fractions and length

Year 4: Fractions and decimals



English- How to wash a woolly mammoth
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Science- States of Matter



Computing- Presenting information

Geography- The Americas: A continent of contrasts?

Design and Technology- Construction and electronics - Night Lights. This will build on last term's Science theme of electricity, with children implementing their learning about how to make a light light-up.

PE- Indoor: Health, wellbeing and mindfulness. The impact of exercise on our mental health and wellbeing, along with learning relaxation techniques.

Outdoor: Net and wall games- specifically tennis.

Earrings **MUST** be removed for safety reasons. If children come to school with them already removed this is even more helpful to your child. Tape is quite painful to remove!



Skills and Structure: Knowing and understanding the importance of and rules, negotiated changes and compromise. Learning new skills, working with others and taking responsibility.



PSHE- Healthy me! Building on previous year's learning around keeping safe, eating a healthy, balanced diet and feeling poorly.
Links to British Value of Mutual Respect, Individual Liberty and Tolerance.

French- Face and body parts.

Music- Singing techniques when practising for performance. We can't wait to get started! We will also be learning our songs for the DDAT Derby Cathedral Event.

Religions and Worldviews- Why do some people think that life is a journey?

What significant experiences mark this? (Christian, Jewish and non-religious)

Club Information

AM sports will contact you directly to share club opportunities on off by them.
Please keep an eye on parent pay for information regarding clubs led by staff for Year 3/4.



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.

Thank you

Important Dates

27.2.23 INSET day
2.3.23 – World Book Day – Optional dress up as a book character
27.3.23 Data sheets sent home
28.3.23 Cathedral Singing Together Event
31.3.23 Easter egg or card competition

17.4.23-19.4.23 Group 1 to Edale
19.4.23- 21.4.23 Group 2 to Edale
23.5.23 Afternoon performance. Details to be shared nearer the time.
24.5.23 Morning performance. Details to be shared nearer the time.

Communication

If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher please either email in to the department (see details at the bottom of this newsletter)

Dojos are going well- children love receiving dojo points and are really pleased that you as their parent, know how they are being rewarded. Please do not message on this, use the department email or speak to a member of staff at the end of the day.


Important Reminders

Homework is set online one week and paper based the following week. The best way to complete homework is in a calm, quiet environment. Your support with homework is extremely valuable- it doesn't matter how old children are, they all benefit from talking through their work.

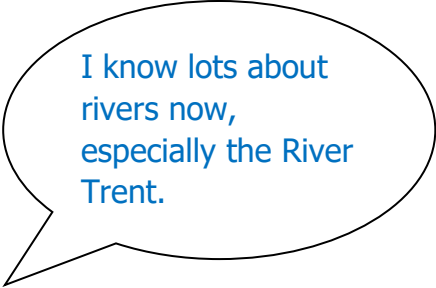
Children will be rewarded for reading at home- please record when you have heard your child read in their reading record book. Your help really does make a difference.

Pupil Voice

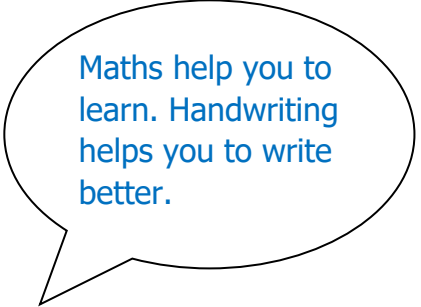
We value the opinions of the children and have various ways of collecting their thoughts, here is a snapshot of some of the things our wonderful children have said, including those with special Educational Needs...



I know how to keep safe online- I would tell an adult and block any messages.



I know lots about rivers now, especially the River Trent.



Maths help you to learn. Handwriting helps you to write better.

Exciting Edale

Plans are developing well for our Year 4 residential to the Peak Centre at Edale. Information about the residential can be found in our Year 3/4 section of our website, this includes the power point we shared at the parent meeting.

If you would like to take a look at where the children will be going and see some of the activities they may take part in you may want to visit their website:

<https://www.peakcentre.org.uk/index.html>

Now is a perfect time to be practising those key jobs, such as making their own beds- as they will be doing this for themselves when they are at Edale. If you have any concerns or want to discuss any aspects of the residential please speak to your child's class teacher.

Performance Information

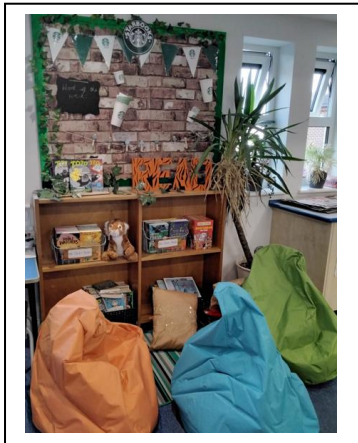
Year 4 will be taking parts in auditions for parts and will start rehearsals soon. Whilst Year 4 children will all take part in the performance on stage, Year 3 will be learning the songs so that they too can be involved in the performance. Tickets will be released a couple of weeks before the performances.

Multiplication Information

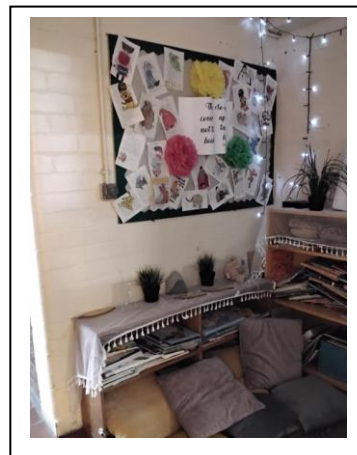
As you are aware during June our year 4 children will be taking part in the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) The purpose of the MTC is to ensure the times tables knowledge is at the expected level. This is a statutory requirement of all Year 4 children. There are many ways of preparing your child for this important check- one way is by ensuring your child has time practising, especially being fast with their mental recall. Here is a link to a webpage your child could use to support this, along with their homework and TTRockstars.

For further information please go to the 2023 Multiplication Check on our Year 3/4 section of our website.

Love of Reading



It is so wonderful to see children sharing their Love of reading in so many ways in Year 3/4. In class we have our reading areas, which includes a wide range of books (both fiction and non-fiction). The children also love being able to use their dojo points to visit our



school library over lunch time. Children are making great progress with their reading, showing improvements with their comprehension skills and the impact the vocabulary used has on the reader. The children especially love hearing their teachers read the class novels and want to know what will happen next. So everyone.... Keep reading ☺

Cathedral Sing Together Event

We are pleased to be working with Melanie Pearson from the Derby and Derbyshire Music Partnership as she will be helping our children to learn songs ready for the DDAT singing event. We cannot wait to get started with this and we know Melanie is also excited to be working with our Tigers, Lions and Leopards! More news about this will be shared in the coming weeks.

Easter Competitions

This year children in KS2 can enter a competition of their choice. They can either choose to design an Easter card or decorate a hard boiled egg character/scene. They will need to bring their cards/eggs in on Friday 31st March. Enjoy getting creative!

