

Year 3&4 Parent's Meeting - Spring Term 2018

Children in Year 3&4 are being taught by Miss Slack, Mrs Kanigowski, Mr Harrison (Monday & Tuesday) and Mrs Hodgins (Wednesday-Friday).

Topic for this term ...

Our topic for this half term is 'Out of the Box'. We will be covering: healthy eating, nutrition / balanced diets, forces and magnets.

Homework ...

Our weekly homework will be sent out on a Thursday and will be due in each week on a Wednesday which gives the staff time to mark the homework ready for it to be handed back. Please make sure that homework is received either on Wednesday or earlier if possible.

Each week we will expect all children to have read at least 3 times, practised the weekly spellings and the children will be given one extra task which will either be literacy or numeracy based. We will not be setting any formal topic homework, however, please feel free to carry out any additional work linked to the topic with your child and get them to bring it in to share with their class.

We will also give children the opportunity to achieve a spelling certificate at the end of each half term. There will be a test of 20 random spellings from the term and their score will enable them to achieve a bronze, silver, gold or pleasing progress award.

Children also have the opportunity to gain their 'pen licence' in the juniors which is awarded for continuous neat handwriting throughout their books. Please encourage your child to take care with the presentation of their work in order to achieve this.

Useful websites...

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> (for timestables and number bond practise)

<http://www.coxhoe.durham.sch.uk/> Go to 'curriculum' and choose the subject you are interested in - there are links to many other sites with plenty of interactive resources.

<http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/> Plenty of worksheets and PowerPoint presentations covering most of the core areas of the curriculum.

<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/> Mainly Numeracy, Literacy and Science games and interactive activities.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/> Age appropriate, subject specific activities, games, worksheets and experiments.

<http://www.ngfl-cymru.org.uk/eng/index-new.htm> Welsh grid for learning, activities supporting all areas of the curriculum.

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/> Fun and useful interactive activities and games for most subjects

Important dates ...

Swimming lessons - Children in Mrs Kangowski's class as well as any non-swimmers from year 4 will begin this term. Please make sure all swimming kit is clearly labelled to ensure lost property is kept to a minimum.

26th January: Gambia Day - children will need to wear blue, red or green and we will be raising money for this.

1st February: Healthy Eating Day (Year 3 & 4 only)

15th February: School Council Bring and Buy Sale

16th March: Class Photographs

19th / 20th March: Parent's Evening

Special Days

As above, our topic for this term is 'Out of the Box', focusing on healthy eating and balanced diets. If anyone has expertise or special skills from working within this area (CRB required) and would be keen to come and talk to the children, please come and talk to us as this would greatly benefit the children.

We have organised for the children to have a 'Healthy Eating' day on Thursday 1st February. During the day, the children will be preparing healthy snacks based on their own school research.

Finally, on behalf of the Year 3&4 teaching team, we would like to thank everyone for attending our parents meeting.