

Year 3, 4 & 5

Team Leader Newsletter Term 1

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Year 3,4 & 5 team. We look forward to welcoming you in Term 1 to our new team with new members of staff. As always we have a packed new term ahead of us in September, one that I am sure the children will be excited by.

Term 1's children's spelling and multiplication practise and the optional 'My Maths' (online work) is on the school website. The children are still continuing to enjoy using the 'TT Rockstars' website and we would encourage them to do so at home. There is a new homework grid, for each year group, which will last for terms 1 & 2 available on the school website. We hope the children will have fun completing the work for it. We have set up e mail accounts for any non-book based homework to be sent to. The addresses can be found in the relevant part of the newsletter. Can I inform you that these e mail accounts can **ONLY** be used to send homework to and that they will not be ones where the teacher can reply. If you have any problems with any homework related issues, please see your child's class teacher. As always, we would appreciate it if parents continued to encourage their children to read regularly in addition to the other work set. We have in place a Year 3,4& 5 class competition, which the children enjoy participating in, to see which class has the most five times a week readers in, so your continued support with this is much appreciated.

In September we will be introducing new, exciting rewards to be given to the children each week in our team assemblies. As a school we will be focusing on adopting a positive growth mindset with everything we face and so we will be selecting those children who have displayed this and rewarding them for it. We will also be focusing on improving the children's Oracy skills which again will be recognised in our team assemblies.

PE kits for indoor and outdoor PE need to be brought in to school on a Monday and taken home on a Friday. Swimming kits need to be in school on the relevant days. (See each Year group below) Any medical reasons for your child not participating in PE need to be written in a note and handed directly to the class teacher, not orally relayed via the child please.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Colette Hodges

Homework

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday 4 th September	INSET DAY
Wednesday 5 th September	Pupils return for Term 1 Meet the teachers 3.15pm (parents invited into classrooms)
Friday 7 th September	Ufton Court Parents Meeting 2:30 p.m. Ice lolly sale at the end of school
Tuesday 11 th September	Year 4 foraging trip (please wear suitable footwear and bring waterproofs)
Friday 14 th September	9.30am Supporters of Southcote workshop for new parents Ice lolly sale at the end of school 3CF, 4HR & 4KS Cake Sales
Monday 17 th September	Y5 Bikeability all week
Wednesday 19 th September	Ufton Court day trip for Yr 4
Wed 19 th to Fri 21 st Sept	Ufton Court residential trip for Yr 4
Friday 21 st September	3BN, 4SA & 5JW Cake Sales
Monday 24 th September	3BN Trip to Asda
Tuesday 25 th September	3CF Trip to Asda
Friday 28 th September	KS2 Muffins for mums MacMillan Coffee Morning 9.30am (cake donations welcome) MacMillan Coffee Afternoon (cakes on sale in the dining hall) EcoKidz Textile/Clothing collection Day 3AH, 5VC Cake Sales
Tuesday 2 nd October	Parents Evening 3.20pm-6.00pm by appointment
Wednesday 3 rd October	Parents Evening 4.30pm – 7.00pm by appointment
Wednesday 3 rd October	Harvest Festival at St Matthews 9.30am

Friday 5 th October	3CF, 5EM Cake Sales
Monday 1 st October	3AH Trip to Asda
Friday 5 th October	Doughnuts for Dads 8.45-9.30am Global harvest/world kitchen
Wednesday 10 th October	5JW Class Assembly 2.30pm
Friday 12 th October	Grandparents Afternoon 1.15pm 3BN, 4HR & 4KS Cake Sales
Monday 15 th October	Individual photographs
Wednesday 17 th October	5VC Class Assembly 2.30pm
Thursday 18 th October	Last day of Term 1

2018/2019 Year 3 Team

The children enjoyed their class swap sessions and enjoyed meeting their new teachers. We were really excited to meet them ourselves and are looking forward to a fun packed first term. In September our theme is 'Come Dine with Me'. In Science we are going to be learning about healthy eating, human teeth and the digestive system. We will be conducting many fun investigations throughout the term.

During our fictional English unit we will be studying a problem and resolution story about a girl with a wobbly tooth and then will move onto our non-fiction unit of 'A trip to the impossible dentist.' In Geography we will be learning about food around the world and how it comes to the UK. We are hoping to bring experiential learning into our learning at all times, a big aspect of this will be 'Come Dine with Me day'. Each class will have to think of a healthy menu, work out the shopping list and then buy it from the local ASDA. We will then cook a healthy meal, which you are invited to join us for. This will incorporate lots of our mathematics and English skills. (Please see upcoming events for dates of each Year 3 class visiting our local Asda.)

Year 3 this term will be doing PE and swimming. PE will be on a Monday and Swimming will be on a Thursday so please make sure they bring in their swimming kit and PE kit on those days.

3AH



Miss A Hawkins
(Class Teacher)



Mrs L Rice
(Teaching Assistant)

3CF



Mrs A Casey
(Class Teacher
Monday)



Mrs L Fagan
(Assistant Head, Year
3 Team Leader and
Class Teacher Tues-
day-Friday)



Miss R Hallcup
(Teaching Assistant)

3BN



Miss B Napper
(Class Teacher)



Miss N Fixter
(Teacher Assistant)

2018/2019 Year 4 Team

Next year the Year 4 team are looking forward to welcoming the children to their new classes after our successful class swap sessions. Our topic will be 'Sticks and Stones', where, as Historians we will be finding out about changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age including late Neolithic, hunter-gatherers and early farmers for example Skara Brae. As Scientists we will be looking at living things and their habitats as well as animals, including Humans. As Artists we will be drawing and painting our own cave art using charcoal and paints, drawing on ideas from our own research and as Designers we will be building a dwelling and exploring how the structure can be made more stable.

In English we will be studying 'Stig of the Dump' and in Maths we will be looking at Place Value along with some weighing of our foraging products.

We also have a very exciting trip planned to Ufton Court and a foraging experience to take place locally.

Year 4 this term will be doing PE on a Thursday and Friday. Please can all children have their PE kit in school at all times.

4KS



Mrs K Stephenson
(Class Teacher)



Miss S Touskava
(Teaching Assistant)

4SA



Mr S Andrews
(Class Teacher)



Mrs A Harding
(Teaching Assistant)

4HR



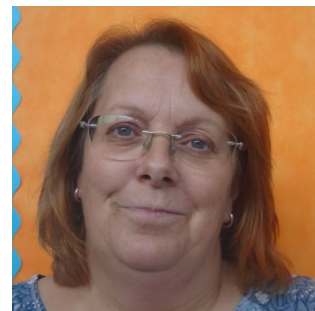
Miss C Hodges

(Deputy Head,
Team Leader and
Class Teacher,
Monday-Tuesday)



Mrs E Rawlinson

(Class Teacher,
Wednesday-
Friday)



Mrs A Edwards

(Teaching Assistant)

2018/2019 Year 5 Team

The children enjoyed their class swap sessions and have got to know their new teachers and teaching assistants. We were really excited to meet them ourselves and are looking forward to an exciting first term.

In September our theme is 'Extreme Earth'. In Science we are going to be learning about forces such as gravity, water resistance and Friction as well as creating our own mechanisms.

During our fictional English unit we will be studying a tale of fear about a natural disaster and then we will move onto our non-fiction unit in which the children will be writing an explanation text. In Geography we will be learning about Earthquakes including how they occur and what effects they have on the world, we will then research tsunamis and link this in to Art. We are hoping to bring experiential learning into our learning at all times, this will include preparing our own drills for natural disasters and creating our own model villages to see if they can withstand an Earthquake and a Tsunami.

Year 5 this term will be doing PE and swimming. PE will be on a Monday and Swimming will be on a Friday. Please can all children have their PE kit in school at all times, and also please make sure your child has the full swimming kit ready for these sessions.

5JW



Mr J West
(Class Teacher)



Mrs D Elton
(Teaching Assistant)

5EM



Mrs E Mason
(Class Teacher)



Mrs A Rayner
(Teaching Assistant)

5VC



Miss V Crosthwaite
(Class teacher & Year 5
Lead)



Mrs L Hall
(Teaching Assistant)