

Year 3 and 4 Team Leader Newsletter Term 1

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Year 3 and 4 team. We hope that you have had a relaxing but fun summer. We look forward to welcoming you in Term 1 to our new team and as always we have a packed new term ahead of us in September, one that I am sure the children will be excited by.

There is a 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. For non-book based homework please remember to send it to the relevant emails below. Can I inform you that these e mail accounts can **ONLY** to be used to send homework to and that they will not be ones where the teacher can reply. As always, we would appreciate it if parents continued to encourage their children to read regularly in addition to the other work set. Their reading diaries will be checked regularly and we hope they can continue to read 5 times a week.

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.

This year we will be continuing to focus 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. As part of the school's core values and school ethos we will be looking at the value 'Vision' where children from each class are nominated for showing this throughout the term.

PE kits for indoor and outdoor PE need to be brought in to school and left at school until the end of term 1. 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.

Laura Fagan

Homework

Full details can be found on the school website www.southcoteprimary.co.uk.

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** to 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.

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday 3 rd September	INSET DAY
Wednesday 4 th September	Pupils return for Term 1
Friday 6 th September	Meet the teachers 3.15pm (parents invited into classrooms) Ice lolly sale at the end of school
Thursday 12 th September	Y4 Foraging the Holybrook and Kennet
Wednesday 18 th September	Ufton Court day trip for Y4
Wed 18 th -Fri 20 th September	Ufton Court residential trip for Y4
Friday 20 th September	Ice lolly sale at the end of school
Tuesday 24 th September	3BN trip to Asda
Thursday 26 th September	3BI trip to Asda
Friday 27 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 3LR trip to Asda
Tuesday 1 st October	Parents Evening 3.20pm-6.00pm by appointment
Wednesday 2 nd October	Parents Evening 4.30pm – 7.00pm by appointment
Friday 4 th October	Doughnuts for Dads 8.45-9.30am Global harvest/world kitchen
Friday 11 th October	Grandparents Afternoon 1.15pm
Friday 18 th October	Time Travel Day
Monday 21 st October	Individual and sibling photographs SEND coffee afternoon (invitation only)
Thursday 24 th October	Last day of Term 1 – Non-uniform day 50p family donation
Friday 25 th October	INSET DAY

Year 3

In Term One our theme is 'My Amazing Body' where as scientists we will be learning about teeth, our skeletons, the digestive system and other wondrous systems in our fascinating bodies. We will be thinking about healthy foods and balanced diets and are looking forward to our class trips to Asda where we will buy ingredients for a healthy meal to cook back at school. Please see the term dates for the dates of our individual class trips and let your child's class teacher know if you are able to accompany us. We are also enjoying weekly music and art lessons and are hoping to plan lots of experienceology experiences for the children!

In Maths, we will be studying Place value and then moving on towards addition and subtraction. In English, the children are studying 'a tale of fear' and working towards writing their own using a number of activities such as drama! (See photos below.) We will also tackle non-fiction texts and are continuing to focus on SPaG and handwriting.

We are looking forward to seeing you at Muffins for Mums and Doughnuts for Dads later in the term.

Year 3 this term will be doing PE on a **Thursday** so please make sure their full PE kit is in school on that day.



Year 4

In September our theme is 'Sticks and Stones' whereas Historians we will be looking at the people and cultures of the Stone Age. We are kicking off the theme with a walk around Holybrook and Kennet where we will be foraging for flowers and plants and creating some of our own Stone Age artefacts.

We are really looking forward to our day trip and residential to Ufton Court where we will all be enjoying plenty of hands on activities to enhance this topic. In English, we are looking at 'Stig of the Dump' and writing our own finding tale, while in Maths, we are starting by securing our knowledge of place value. Throughout the term, we have lots of experienceology planned to enhance their learning.

As Scientists, we will be looking at sound; understanding how the ear works and how sound can travel. As Artists, we will be looking at cave art and observational drawings.

Year 4 this term will be doing PE. It will be on a **Monday** so please make sure they bring in their full PE kit on those days.

