

# YEAR 3 and YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

## SEPTEMBER 2017



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Dear Parents/Carers

The Year 3 and Year 4 team would like to welcome you to this new academic year. We hope that you had an enjoyable summer with your family.

A special **thank you** to all the parents who helped their children with their holiday homework. There were some amazing projects, so many thanks!



### Curriculum news

Children in **Year 3** will be learning about life in Spain. Pupils will start off the unit by understanding where Spain is on a world map, as well as learning about the capital city and other major cities. They will also enjoy a Spanish themed day where they will have the opportunity to make Spanish food, learn Flamenco dancing and participate in creating Spanish style art. In literacy, pupils will be focusing on stories with a familiar setting and information texts. In maths, pupils will be learning about addition and subtraction. They will also be developing their understanding of number and place value, as well as mental multiplication and division and time. RE lessons will focus on Christianity and Buddhism and in science they will be learning about animals and humans. Children will have football and dance lessons in PE.

In **Year 4**, the children will be learning about what life was like in Roman Britain. They will enjoy finding out what life was like for a Roman soldier and for the famous warrior Boudicca. The children will participate in a workshop led by a visiting Roman soldier and will make Roman bread! In literacy, the children will be writing fiction involving a dilemma and developing their skills in non-fiction. In maths, the children will be building their skills in addition and subtraction, multiplication and time. They will also be finding out about Roman numerals. In RE children will be finding out about Hinduism.



We are also excited that the Year 4 children will begin their weekly swimming lessons at East Ham Leisure Centre.

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This term we will be celebrating our **World of Work** week in which we will be finding out about the wider world of work. Children will have a variety of workshops and activities which are designed to teach them about the importance of money and will provide a taster into a range of jobs and careers that are available to them in the future. There will be a range of educational visits for each class. Look out for letters very soon giving you more information. We will also be celebrating our diverse community in the last week of term during our Diverse-City week.

### Other points to note:

**Maths** - Children must continue to learn, by heart, their times tables 2 -12. They must achieve their bronze, silver and gold times table badges. They should use page 169 of their diary to revise their timetables every day at home.

**Reading:** Thank you for reading with your child at home. All children **MUST** read for at least 15 minutes every night. Once your child has read to you, please ensure that you sign their diary, indicating that you have listened to your child, and make a comment on how they have read. Children take a reading book home each week. Not only that, your child will visit the school's library every other week and will take home a library book.

**Writing:** Handwriting practice takes place three times a week to help children improve their handwriting and presentation. This must then be used in all written work across the curriculum.

**Spelling and Grammar:** Spellings are taught three times a week and grammar is taught twice a week. A spelling test will take place every week.

**Homework:** Homework is handed out every week and is expected back on the following Monday or Tuesday. It is essential that all homework is returned on time as it gives the teacher the opportunity to mark the work and give constructive feedback to both parent/carer and the child. If your child does not complete their homework on time, they will be asked to stay in one lunch time to complete it. If your child needs extra support to complete their homework, they must ask their class teacher/TA for help before the homework deadline.

**P.E:** Physical Education is a part of the National Curriculum and it is compulsory for pupils to participate. Your child will continue to have PE lessons twice a week, therefore, it is necessary for children to have their P.E kit in school. It is advisable that children leave their kits in school (on their pegs). Children will take home their kits during the holidays.

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Please ensure that your child has the relevant P.E kit (see page 9 of the diary for details of our school uniform and PE kit).

### How you can help your child at home:

When reading stories with your child, encourage them to predict what is going to happen next. Ask them to rewrite different parts of the story. Whilst out shopping with your child, encourage them to identify a range of measures on various food items, explaining whether it is in grams, kilograms, litres or millilitres. Children can also compare money amounts on various food items, looking at the most expensive item and comparing it to the cheapest item. These are fun ways for your child to consolidate their learning.



We look forward to a successful year of working in partnership with each other. Thank you for your continued support.

### **Year 3 team:**

Ms Adelani, Ms Billan, Ms Alexander and Ms Mitchell.

### **Year 4 team:**

Ms Burchett, Ms Milling, Ms Chavda and Mr Ubhey

### **Support Staff for the phase:**

Ms Sadler, Ms Aslam, Ms Main, Ms Palina, Ms Ahmad, Ms Joseph

**Phase leader/Assistant Head:** Mrs Kodi