

YEAR 3 and YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2017



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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Term 2. We hope you had an enjoyable half term.

Many thanks for all the generous donations for this year's harvest. We sent off a large amount of food to those less fortunate than ourselves.

A special **thank you** to all the parents who helped their children with their holiday homework.



Curriculum news

This term, children in **Year 3** will be learning about animals and humans. They will be finding out about the importance of the skeleton and muscles. They will also develop their understanding of the various food groups and why a healthy diet is important. In literacy, the children will be learning about playscripts and will write their own part of a play. Later in the term they will be learning about instruction texts. In maths, pupils will continue to develop their skills in addition and subtraction. They will be subtracting by counting on and back and finding the difference between two numbers. The grid method will be taught for multiplication and strategies for division will be developed.

We will also be studying:

RE: How are symbols and sayings important in religion?

Spanish: Adjectives, numbers, nouns, Spanish festivals and songs.



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In **Year 4**, children in literacy will be enjoying a unit on poetry. By the end of the unit they write their own poetry about an unexpected event. Children will learn to use the features of poetry such as rhyme and rhythm, similes and metaphors, haikus and couplets. In maths they will continue to develop and deepen their skills in number. They will find the difference between two numbers as well as learn about fractions and decimals. They will also solve a variety of problems including problems with measure (weight and reading scales).

In science we will be learning about habitats and the environment. We will be visiting East Ham Nature Reserve later in the term. In RE we will be learning about Hinduism. In Spanish, we will be singing songs and reading short texts as well as developing our ability to use adjectives, nouns, verbs and conjunctions.

The children in year 4 have enjoyed their swimming lessons at Newham Leisure Centre. Unfortunately, due to health and safety issues, we had to cancel lessons temporarily. Our queries have now been answered and the children can resume their weekly lessons. Thank you for your continued support.



Thank you for attending the **parents' meetings** this week. This is a good opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and find out how your child has settled into the new academic year. Each class teacher will be sharing ways so that you can continue to support your child at home.

Well done to the children who have already been awarded their bronze badges. Please continue to help your children at home with their multiplication tables. Children must learn 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 practise their timetables every day at home.

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Ways you can help your child 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. Children should also write a short summary about what they have read each night.

Children take a reading book home each week. **There is a list of recommended books for children in years 3 and 4 on page 124 of your child's diary. These books can be found in the school library.**



Mathsletics: Please allow your child time to use this fantastic website to practise mathematical skills. Each child has their own password. Please speak to your child's class teacher if your child does not have a password.

As the weather is getting colder, we would like to remind you to please provide your child with a coat, preferably with a hood. Boots however are not part of the school uniform and should not be worn in school. If you would like your child to wear boots for their journey, please provide suitable footwear to wear in the building.

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 Main, Ms Amin, Ms Ahmad, Ms Joseph

Phase leader/Assistant Head: Mrs Kodi