

Spring Term 2026

Year 3 and 4 Newsletter

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year. Below, you will find some information about what your child will be learning in our class next term. Please contact the school office if you have any questions and we will get back to you as soon as we are able.

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Driscoll and Miss Richardson

PE:

This half-term, our PE days will be Thursday and Friday. Our units will include Dodgeball and Gymnastics.

Please continue to send your child into school in PE kit on these days (coloured 'house' t-shirt, shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings, plus trainers or plimsolls). Please ensure hair is tied back and jewellery is removed.



Maths:

Year 3 and Year 4 will be continuing with multiplication and division before moving onto fractions, length and perimeter. Year 4 will also be looking at decimals.



<https://www.longrow.derbyshire.sch.uk/mathematics/>
Instant recall of times tables is so important so we will also continue to focus on this. Log in details for TT Rockstars are in the children's diaries. Any support from home with times tables is greatly appreciated, including encouraging participation in TT Rockstars Battles.

English:

In English, we will have whole class reading four times a week. We will read extracts from a variety of texts and genres focusing on 'VIPERS' - vocabulary, inference, prediction, explain, retrieval, summarise. Please note that this is not recorded in your child's diary. We will however write in when your child has read 1:1 with an adult, although this is likely to be infrequent. Please continue to write in when you read at home – it really does help! We will also start reading our class book for this term, 'Why the Whales Came' by Michael Morpurgo.

Our units in writing will include: suspense story/setting description, writing to persuade and a diary entry. We will continue to focus on handwriting during Spring term.

In spellings, we will be using our Super Sonic Phonics Friends Spellings, looking at different spelling patterns and 'sight' words that do not fit into a particular pattern. We do not have weekly spelling 'tests', but your child may also have individual words that they have misspelt in their own written work written in their diaries.

Science:

In Science, we will be learning about 'Animals including humans', specifically focusing on nutrition and the muscular-skeletal system.

Later in the term we will learn about 'Living things and their habitats' including classification of different types of animals, habitats and food chains.

Music:

Year 4 children will be continuing their music sessions with our Wider Opportunities specialist teacher. Please ensure you have your ukulele in school every Thursday.

Year 3 children will have music with Mrs Driscoll, and we will continue our music journey with 'Three Little Birds', based on the Reggae musical style and 'Dragon Song', which looks at traditional folk tunes from around the world.

Computing:

As well as continuing with internet safety and key skills, we will be working on the following units:

- Data and Information – Branching Databases
- Creating Media – Desktop Publishing

**PSHE:**

We will be working on the topics of:

- Being Healthy
- Exploring Emotions

For more details, please see the PSHE page on our school website for an overview of lesson objectives for each year group.

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RE:

In RE we will be answering the key questions:

- Why are festivals important to religious communities?
- Why do some people think that life is a journey and what significant experiences mark this?

Modern Foreign Languages - French:

We will be working on the topics of:

- Fruits
- I Am Able...

**Geography:**

Our main focus for the whole of the Spring term is on physical geography, including what it is, if/where we can see these features locally and in the wider world.

Included in this and alongside geographical skills, we will be studying:

- Rivers
- Mountains
- Earthquakes
- Volcanoes

Behaviour:

We will continue to use the school behaviour policy. We will send 'over and above' cards home to let you know if your child has gone beyond the expected behaviour that day. We will continue to have 'R' time on a Friday to reward the children's efforts.

We will use the 'reminder, warning, last chance, time out' steps for any behaviour that disrupts learning. We will communicate with you about any time outs your child receives.

Art

Our unit will be 'Exploring Still Life'. We will be exploring contemporary and traditional artist. We will then create our own still life inspired artwork.

Other information:

- If you write a message in your child/children's diary, please remind them to show us, as they will only usually be checked once a week.
- Fruit is not provided for children in Key stage 2. The children may bring in their own snack for playtime and this should only be fruit or vegetables.
- Please ensure that water bottles are a sports' cap / flip up straw type to avoid spillages.
- Homework will be set each Friday. Please support your child to complete it and return their homework book on or before the following Wednesday. They will usually have a maths task and a reading or spelling activity to complete (plus individual reading at home and practising multiplication using TTRockstars).

We hope you found this newsletter helpful and we hope that you and the children have a lovely break!

Kind regards,

Mrs. Driscoll and Miss Richardson