

# This half term, Year 3/4 are learning:



## English

In English, the children in Year 3 will start the term by looking at a 'Meeting Tale'. They will learn about the features of a 'Meeting Tale', following a modelled text. Then they will write their own 'Meeting Tale' using the key features identified in the text. Next, the children will learn about shape poems, exploring a range of different poems and writing their own. Finally, they will look at instructions, learning the features and writing their own. Grammar focuses include: learning how to use expanded noun phrases to add excitement and information to their writing. The children will learn to use a wider range of conjunctions too. In Year 4, the children will be writing a character flaw story. They will learn a text and then think about different characters and how they change. They will then learn about how to write a Kennings poem. This half term, the children will be focusing on how to improve their writing by adding a wider range of pronouns and expanded noun phrases. The children in both Year 3 and Year 4 will continue to develop their handwriting, spelling and grammar throughout the term. In Year 3, our class book will be 'The Legend of Kevin: A Roly- Poly Flying Pony' by Phillip Reeve. In Year 4, we are reading 'To the edge of the world' by Julia Green.

## Science: Sound

This half term, we will complete our unit on forces and magnets. We will then move on to learning about sound. We will learn that sound is made by vibrations. We will then learn about how sounds travel to the ear. We will investigate how the volume of sound changes over a distance and learn about the different pitches of sound.

## Maths



This half term in maths, Year 3 will continue to practise telling the time on the analogue clock and the 24-hour clock. They will also measure and compare time in seconds, hours and minutes and convert units of time. Afterwards, they will learn to read, interpret and draw different types of graphs before spending a week exploring lines and shapes, identifying parallel and perpendicular lines. This is followed by a focus on calculating the perimeter of figures where we will measure and calculate the length around the outside of shapes. Year 4 will begin the term looking at decimals. They will learn how to count, order and record the decimals in different ways. Pupils will learn to continue linear number sequences as well as round decimals to the nearest whole number. They will also link tenths and hundredths with dividing by 10 and 100. We will then move on to learning about money, they will make links between tenths and hundredths and decimal notation for money. They will learn to round and exchange different amounts as well as solving problems involving money. Next, the children will learn about volume, mass and length. They will read scales, solve problems and convert to larger and smaller units of measure. Finally, we will learn about finding the area of different shapes.

## History/Geography – Vikings



In history this half term, Year 3 and Year 4 will be learning about the Vikings. The children will find out about who the Vikings were and where they came from. They will also discover when the Vikings invaded Britain and why they decided to settle there. Finally, they will find out about how the Vikings lived and how they upheld the law.

## Art/DT- Food-Bread



This half term, Year 3 and 4's unit will be all about bread. We will explore how bread has changed over time. We will also learn about different purposes of bread. The children will then design their own bread to celebrate Easter.

## PE

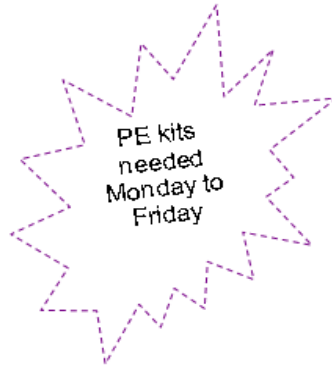


Year 3 we will be having two sessions of PE a week: basketball and gymnastics. Year 4 will have a session of basketball and a swimming session at Aylestone Leisure Centre. A PE kit is needed every day to be left in school. This must include an outdoor kit. PE kit should be: a plain white t shirt, black shorts, black joggers and a black sweatshirt. Trainers should be different to the shoes your child wears for school.

**Forest School** will continue for **all** of year 3 every Friday morning – please bring appropriate clothing and footwear. Both groups will have a session every Friday morning as oppose to alternate weeks.

## Things to do at home

- Regular reading. When your child has finished their book, ask them questions about what they have read.
- Learn times tables.
- Play on Times tables Rock stars daily.
- Complete weekly homework tasks.



## Key Vocabulary

This term, some of the words that we will be learning include:

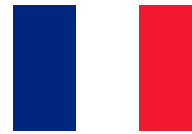
1. vibrations
2. upheld
3. pitches
4. exchange
5. volume
6. travel

## RE/PSHE



In Year 3, the children will start by learning about the Eucharist in their topic, 'Listening and Sharing'. They will then move on to the Lent topic of 'Giving All' which will teach children about reconciliation and preparation for Easter, In Year 4, the children will also start with the Eucharist topic of 'Giving and Receiving' where they will learn about different parts of a Mass. They will then begin their lent topic of 'Self-discipline'. We will also prepare an Easter liturgy, learning songs and readings to share with the school.

## French/Music



This half term, Year 3 will be having a focus on music and Year 4 will be learning French.

Year 3 will continue their music unit called 'Bringing us Together' by Joanna Mangona and Pete Readman. This is a disco song about friendship, peace, hope and unity. As part of this, they will have the opportunity to sing and appraise songs with this theme.

Year 4 will continue with their French lessons, moving on to 'Les fruits et Les Legumes'. We will also revise Numbers to 20, learning to read, write and say them.