

Year 3/4 Newsletter

Dates for your diary!

Monday 23rd January Inset day

Friday 27th February CAFOD family fast day - wear green

Saturday 7th March Big Lent Walk

Tuesday 10th March Mrs Young's class to St Francis for Mass

Tuesday 24th March Easter Performance 3:30 pm (see Easter performance separate letter)

Wednesday 25th March Easter Performance 6:00 pm (see Easter performance separate letter)

A message for parents

Welcome back after the half term holiday. We hope you are all rested and ready and raring to go for the new half term! We will be busy practising for our Easter performance and year 4 will be continuing their times tables practise.

Forest school will continue to be alternate weeks on a Tuesday afternoon so please make sure wellies and appropriate clothing are in school on these days. PE will be on Mondays and Tuesdays for year 3 and year 4 will have swimming on a Monday and PE on a Tuesday. Forest school kit can stay in school all half term.

It really helps us to keep everyone's belongings safe and return lost items if they are labelled with your child's name so please make sure all items are labelled. Please note that pencil cases, including everlasting pencils, and over-sized water bottles (e.g. Stanley style) are not allowed in school as we are really limited on space. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any support with any of the above.

Many thanks, Mrs Newham, Mrs Oldershaw and Mrs Young.

Writing

This half term, we will be using two texts:

The portal story: Elf Road
and the discussion text: Should Poppy have eaten
the golden apple?

We will use these texts as inspiration for all our
writing across the half term.
Children will have the opportunity to write a portal
story and a discussion.

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Maths

To begin the year, both year groups will be completing White
Rose blocks on:

Year 3 Fractions and mass and capacity.
Year 3/4: Fractions and mass and capacity
Year 4: Fractions and decimals

They will also continue their CLIC sessions to recall and
retrieve basic skills in maths.

Reading

In our reading sessions, all children will be using
dictionaries to check the meaning of words that
they have read, checking that the text makes
sense to them, discussing their understanding, and
explaining the meaning of words in context and
participating in discussion about books that are
read to them and those they can read for
themselves.

We will also be continuing with our whole class
reading books too.

RE

This term our RE topic is called Desert to Garden.
Year 3 will make links between Jesus' speech to John the Baptist's
followers and the signs that he is the Messiah. They will describe the
Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Sick and will
make relevant links between the belief in that Jesus is the Messiah
and the Nicene Creed

Year 4 will be looking at the parable of the prodigal son and will make
connections with Christian's beliefs about God's mercy and
forgiveness. They will also look at the Judgement of Nation parable,
the corporal works of mercy and the story of St Peter. We will be
sequencing the events of Holy Week and thinking about Lent and
what this time means for Catholics.

Science

This term, we are becoming electrical engineers! The children are learning how to build working circuits and discovering which materials, like metals, allow electricity to flow. We are also exploring how to stay safe around electricity and identifying which household appliances use batteries versus those that plug into the wall.

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History

This term, we will learn the Vikings were much more than just fierce warriors; they were actually expert explorers and traders.

We will be comparing how their ancient Norse beliefs differed from early Christian views and exploring how the Vikings traded with people in far-off places

Computing

Year 3 - This term, we are becoming data experts by learning how to build our own branching databases! We are discovering how to use "yes/no" questions to identify objects and are practicing how to structure their information clearly.

Year 4 - This term, we are using data loggers to collect and record information from sensors over time. The children will be investigating how computers help us analyse these "data points" to answer scientific questions and solve real-world problems.

Art

In Art this half term we will be completing a Craft and Design topic: The Fabric of Nature. In this topic we will be looking at the work of William Morris for inspiration to create our own repeating patterns.

Geography

The children are learning how to use Ordnance Survey maps to identify the human and physical features of our local area and explaining how the land has changed over time. We are also looking at the wider world to compare and contrast how land is used in our community versus the city of New Delhi.

Music

This half term we are rehearsing the songs in our Easter play.

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PE

This term, Year 3, will be developing our sprinting skills in athletics and using their ball skills to catch a variety of objects and send a ball toward a target with increasing accuracy and consistency.

Year 4

In Handball, we are learning to create space and use tactics to maintain possession, while in Athletics, they are developing their stamina and learning to pace themselves over different distances to improve their personal bests.

Forest Schools

This half term, pupils will continue to develop their skills with knots, ropes, nature art and den building, as well as developing their skills when using a range of tools.

Please ensure that children have brought a pair of wellies (with socks) to keep at school for Forest Schools. Please also remember the children will continue to need their arms and legs covered for each session.