

## Year 3/4 Parent information Autumn 2018

Welcome to the new term! We hope you had a wonderful summer and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new school year. We are very excited to be teaching your children this year and have many exciting activities planned. Please see below for an overview of the information you may find useful this term.

### Staffing

Teachers: Mrs Wheatcroft (Mon – Wed & Fri), Mrs Ellison (Thurs)

TAs: Miss Hext (Mon-Fri mornings), Mrs Hucker (Wed-Fri mornings)

### PE

This will take place on Monday and Tuesday. However, we ask that full kit is kept in school please as last minute time table changes may occur to accommodate other school events. As the weather gets colder, please send in a pair of tracksuit bottoms for outdoor sessions.

### Homework

**Reading** – Please support your child in reading at home as much as possible and record this in their reading record. We cannot emphasise enough the importance of this! We appreciate that as children move towards the end of year 4, much of their reading at home will be independent but it would be great if you could continue to discuss texts with them and hear them read regularly.

**Spellings** – Mrs Ellison will teach spellings every Thursday and send a new list home which will be tested the following **Thursday**. Please pick up a copy of the spelling menu for additional activity ideas, should you wish to use this alongside the weekly homework. Please also see the list of Year 3 and 4 statutory spellings, which children are expected to be able to spell by the end of Year 4.

**Times Tables** – Any support you can give your child in learning their times tables would be a great help. Whilst tables can be a struggle to learn for some children, a secure knowledge of times tables has a huge impact on children's understanding in most areas of maths, particularly as they progress through KS2. Along with short daily sessions in school, we will send home a simple times tables task every Monday to be completed and returned the following **Monday**. If you are keen to support further, there are many apps children can play at home to support their learning of times tables facts.

**Curriculum Homework** – If appropriate, additional homework relating to English or topic work will be sent home to support our learning. Children will always have a week or more to complete this.

## General

**Snacks** - From Year 3, fruit snacks are no longer provided at breaktimes. Children are welcome to bring their own in to school each day. Please also ensure children bring a named water bottle every day.

**Parent Helpers** - If you are able to spare a few hours each week, or have particular skills or expertise you could share to support our curriculum, we'd love to hear from you! Please chat to Mrs Wheatcroft when convenient.

**Creative Curriculum** - Our topic this term is 'Postcards from Europe' and we will be comparing our local area with different locations around Europe. Thank you to everyone who sent us a postcard over the summer! We kick off our topic next Tuesday with a walk around Winchcombe, looking at human and physical features of the landscape. A detailed curriculum map will follow shortly.

**Communication** - Please check the window and website for any notices, letters and curriculum maps during the year. We have an open door policy so you are always welcome to discuss any concerns or questions with us. Quick chats in the morning are fine but mornings can be very busy as we prepare for the day so we would ask that if you require longer to discuss something in more detail, please pop in after school or arrange an appointment.

Many thanks,

The Year 3/4 team

### **Important Dates:**

**Tues 25<sup>th</sup> September, 3:30pm** - Wilderness Residential meeting (Year 4 parents only)

**10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> October** - Parents Evenings

**13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019** - Wilderness Residential trip (Year 4s only)