

English: We are Authors

Writing: This half term, we will be studying a non-fiction text 'The Street beneath our Feet' to help inspire our non-fiction narrative writing.

Reading: Our class texts will be reading 'Pebble in my Pocket' by Meredith Hooper and 'The Firework Makers Daughter' by Phillip Pullman.

Weekly spellings: Spelling lists will be issued on a Friday and assessed the following Friday. The spellings will link to the spelling patterns being taught in class and/or incorporate the year 3-4 Common Exception Words. Please encourage your child to practise their spellings each evening.

How can you help at home? Listen to your child read five times a week; share a book or a text with your child and practice their weekly spellings. Fill in the Reading Challenge form so that your child can earn certificates and possibly win a prize.

RE: We are Philosophers

Our Key Focus: What is the Golden Rule and why do so many people live by it? It is the intention of this unit to help pupils to consider why the teaching known as the 'golden rule' applies to both religious and non-religious groups.

PE: We are Athletes

Outdoor PE/Games: Badminton

Indoor PE: Dance

Children should come to school wearing their smart PE kit on their PE day.

3SF – Wednesday (Outdoor) and Friday (Indoor)

3SP - Monday (Indoor) and Friday (Outdoor)

4SM – Monday (Outdoor) and Wednesday (Indoor)

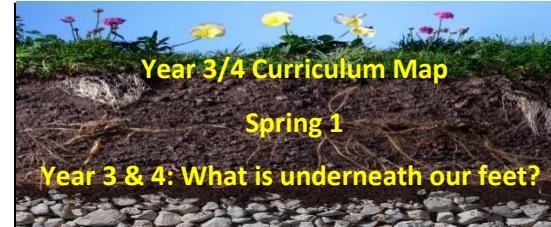
SWIMMING: Swimming will take place in the summer term – further info to follow

Ask your child:

What have you been today?

How have you been a mathematician or an author today?

What have you enjoyed being today and why?



Enquiry: We are Geographers and Scientists

This enquiry will focus on a variety of geographical and scientific concepts. This year the focus will be on volcanoes and earthquakes. Children will also investigate what lies beneath our feet.

Home engagement:

Year 3 – What types of rock do you have in your local area?

Year 4 – explore building volcanoes or making earthquakes.

Important dates:

Inset Days – 3rd & 4th January

Back in school: 5th January

Trip to Haslemere Museum – dates TBC

Y4 Bikeability: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, February

Half Term: 13th-17th February

Homework

Children should read five times a week, practise spellings as well as practise times tables and mental maths.

Maths: We are Mathematicians

This half term, the children will be developing their understanding and skills related to Multiplication and Division including reasoning and problem solving using these operations.

We will then move on to Length and Perimeter – looking at measuring using metres, centimetres and millimetres and how to calculate the perimeter of different shapes

How you can help at home? Help your child apply their maths in practical situations. Practice telling the time; times tables and recognising numbers around them.

It is really important for the children to be able to recall their times tables. Please use online games and practical fun ways at home to encourage your child to have these facts at their fingertips!

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/mathsgames/hit-the-button>

Wellbeing: We are Philosophers

Year 3 & 4 will be reading 'On a Magical Day do Nothing' which will link to our learning about the benefits of nature on our well-being, the importance of rights and responsibilities, balance between online games and other hobbies, and water and rail safety.

French: We are Linguists

In French we are learning vocabulary for fruit, vegetables and colour. We will be saying which fruit and vegetables we like and dislike.

Computing: We are Engineers

We will be learning how to develop branching databases on the computer.

