

Dear Children, parents and carers,

Welcome back! This term our topic will be Mouse Bird Snake Wolf, based on the book by David Almond. We will spend the first two weeks studying different forms of poetry before beginning to read the graphic novel. To link with the topic, we will be learning about food chains, teeth and the digestive system in Science. As we approach December, we will have an exciting enterprise topic, which you will find out about nearer the time. We are very fortunate in Class 4 to have Mrs Hancock with us until December on her university teaching placement. She will be working alongside Mrs Voss and teaching across all areas of the curriculum.

Home Learning

Your child has received a new Home Learning brochure with tasks linked to our topic for the next 6 weeks. The brochure outlines the English or creative tasks they should complete each week, graded with the star challenge to help children choose which tasks they would like to complete.

Maths tasks will continue to be set weekly and should be completed in a Maths exercise book (unless Mathematics tasks have been set).

Children will continue to be tested on their spellings every Friday and the words they are expected to learn for their year group.

Spellings will be given out every week for your children to practise at home.

In addition to weekly home learning, we expect all children to:

- Read daily (with an adult or independently)
- Practise times tables, with division facts in a mixed order, up to 12 x 12 (www.multiplication.com is a great website for this)

Request: Please can Maths homework be completed in pencil and not pen. All homework needs to be handed in no later than

Tuesday to allow us time to mark the work before handing out new tasks on Wednesday. Thank you!

Home Reading

It has been lovely to hear the children talking about the books they have been enjoying at home, although very few of them are recording this in their Reading Diaries. Please help your child to make a record of the books they are reading and feel free to add entries yourself. Reading records need to come into school daily and should go home at the end of the day.

Evidence of regular reading at home in the reading record will also help your child earn a tick for their AK Star Badge!

General Reminders...

Until Christmas, PE will take place at the following times:

Year 3: Thursday afternoon

Year 4: Thursday afternoon (Swimming from the 15th September – 10th December) & Friday morning

It is essential that children have a full, labelled PE kit in school, including a water bottle. If they don't have their kit, they won't be able to take an active part in the lesson.

Forest Schools sessions: Year 3 on 9th November and 6th December & Year 4 on the 8th and 30th November.

Please send your child to school with appropriate outdoor clothing for these lessons.

Please also make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day and a warm coat ready for the Winter weather!

Miss Redman

Mrs Voss

Mrs Hancock

Class 3 and 4 Topic Overview Term 2

Subject	Year 3	Year 4
Themes	Mouse Bird Snake Wolf	Mouse Bird Snake Wolf
Christian Value	Trust	Trust
English	Poetry Text-based writing	Poetry Fables and myths
Maths	Multiplication & Division Measurement	Multiplication & Division Measurement: length, perimeter & area
Science	Food chains Teeth Digestive system	Food chains Teeth Digestive system
ICT	Graphic novels	Graphic novels
History	n/a	n/a
Geography	n/a	n/a
R.E.	Hinduism – Diwali Christianity - Christmas	Judaism – beliefs & practices Christianity - Christmas
Art & Design	Graphic novel art	Graphic novel art
Design Technology	Christmas Enterprise project	Christmas Enterprise project
P.E.	Mr Tanner	Swimming & PE with Mr Tanner
Music	Music Express	Music Express
P.H.S.C.E.	Out & about	Out & about
French	Numbers & days	Days & weather
Wow Events	Christmas Pantomime	Christmas Pantomime
Assembly for Parents		15 th November
Community Links	Christmas Enterprise Fair	Christmas Enterprise Fair
SMSC Social Moral Spiritual and Cultural	Forest School Mindfulness with Ms Tromans Christmas church service	Forest School Mindfulness with Ms Tromans Christmas church service