

May we take this opportunity to welcome you and your child into Lower Key Stage Two. We hope that the information and ideas contained in this newsletter will help when your child moves into Year 3. For those of you whose child is entering Year 4, we hope it will remind you of some of the key issues, and advise you of any changes from last year.

Meet the Team:

The Teachers working in the team are:

- Mrs L Morrison: Merlin Class
- Mrs A Youdan/ Mr D White: Puffin Class
- Miss Manford: Magpie Class
- Miss J Russell: Literacy Year 4

The Teaching Assistants in the team are:

- Miss L Ellett
- Mrs J Taylor
- Mrs T Catrell
- Mrs J Cecchini
- Mrs S Hampson
- Mr A Ashton



Curriculum Overview

In the Year 3/4 department there are three classes consisting of a Year 3 class, a Year 3/4 class and a Year 4 class.

English:

There are two Year 3 and two Year 4 ability sets.

The English groups will be organised in the following ways:

Year 3 English

Mrs Youdan/ Mr White

Mrs Morrison

Year 4 English

Miss Manford

Miss Russell

Maths: Children will remain in their class.

Science: Children will remain in their class.

Topic:

- Skills, knowledge and topic based curriculum
- 6 topics per year
- Subjects taught: History, Geography, French, PSHE, and PE, to ensure a broad and balanced curriculum.
- Themed weeks also take place throughout the year for example, anti-bullying week, e-safety and health week.

Equipment

Now your child is in the Juniors, to help lesson changes run smoothly, children would benefit from having their own pencil cases, clearly labelled with the equipment they need for their daily lessons. This includes a pencil, ruler and a rubber.



PE

Children in Year 3/4 will receive:

- 1 hour per week PE lesson with class teacher.
- A Friday afternoon PE session from Premier Sports Coaching Company



PE Kit:

Indoor: White T-Shirt/ Blue or Black Shorts/Pumps

Outdoor: White T-Shirt/ Blue or Black Shorts/Trainers. In winter, we will endeavour to be outdoors, children may wear their Greenleas School jumper and Blue or Black jogging bottoms. (It is recommended in winter months that trainers are in a separate bag to prevent mud getting on the rest of their kit afterwards!)

Homework

We really encourage children to complete their homework and hand it in on time. We offer a Year 4 Homework club on a Thursday after school, to help children get one piece of homework completed.

Spellings:

Children will be given Spellings to learn weekly. They will be sent home on a Monday in their spelling book. Children will then be tested the following Monday.

Maths Homework (30 minutes):

Will be sent home on a Thursday and will be handed in on a Monday.

English Homework (Half termly):

A project will be sent home to be completed over a half term.

Reading:

We will also be continuing to promote reading for pleasure and hope you will help your child develop a love for reading. It is still advisable that children are listened to. When reading a book try to encourage fluent reading of each sentence and ask your child questions about the content. As your child improves try to encourage expression. Throughout the course of the year, children will be asked to complete reading challenges at home.



Targets

Each term we will be working on individual and group targets with your child in Literacy and Numeracy.

Teachers and children will be working together to set realistic, but challenging targets in these two subject areas. Evaluation of these targets will take place on a regular basis.

Behaviour

All staff work hard with the children to encourage good behaviour founded in mutual respect.

At the end of each half term a child per class will be chosen as the POOC of the class (person of outstanding character). Their picture will be displayed on our character education board and a letter will be sent home to their parents acknowledging their positive impact upon their class.

In order for children to be a POOC, they must adhere to our school rules:

- Be nice
- Work hard
- Never give up

Health

As a health promoting school we encourage children to make healthy choices in their diet.

Children may bring fruit or a healthy snack from home for morning break.

Milk can be purchased through the school office. Chilled water is available throughout the day.

Extra-Curricular and After School Activities

Extra Curricular activities in Lower Key Stage Two include:

- A variety of sporting opportunities- relevant letters will be sent home.
- Chess club
- Digital Leaders club

We will inform you as other opportunities arise!

Communication

And finally...

- Please don't hesitate to contact your child's Class Teacher as a first point of contact, if you have any concerns.
- There will be a Parents Evening in Autumn Term
- School Office for general enquiries.
- Parentmail for relevant letters.

Thank You!

The teachers would like to say a huge thank you for the wonderful cards and presents that were received at the end of Summer term...they were greatly appreciated!



Be Nice...Work Hard...Never Give Up

