



4th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 3/4 Spring 1 Curriculum Letter

Welcome back! We hope you have all had an amazing Christmas and New Year. Please see below for all the information for Spring 1:

PE:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Led by Doncaster Rovers</u>
<u>Class 7</u>	Every Tuesday
<u>Class 8</u>	Every Tuesday
<u>Class 9</u>	Every Tuesday

Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school on these days (indoor and outdoor and appropriate footwear). If it is easier, encourage your child to bring their PE kit on a Monday and take it home on a Friday. Please ensure that your child brings a white t-shirt and blue or black shorts for PE

Reading:

We appreciate that you are extremely busy, but reading at home with a parent, carer, older sibling or friend, is so important for all our children. It strengthens their confidence, fluency and inference skills and backs up the important work we do at school. So please make time to hear your child read. **Please do not forget to sign in their reading diary each time your child reads.** We expect the children to read a minimum of **3 times per week at home.** If your child does read 3 times, they will be entered into the Reader Leader competition where they could win prizes!

We will provide your child with a book from school, but feel free to also read books you have at home and also log this down in your child's reading diary.

Topic:

This half term Year 3/4 will be studying the Stone Age. We will be looking at who the Stone Age people were, what they ate and their way of life by dissecting Stone Age people 'poo'. Children will also have the opportunity to be creative whilst making Stone Age inspired tools and paintings. We will also be studying Stone Age structures, such as Stonehenge. Throughout the topic we will be discussing the challenges that the Stone Age people faced on a daily basis and making comparisons between their lives and ours.

Spellings:

Year 3/4 are expected to learn 108 curriculum words over the academic year. The children will cover the same spellings 3/4 times over the academic year to ensure the spelling pattern is embedded and can be used confidently within written work. As part of the weekly literacy homework, your child will be expected to practise a number of these spelling each week.

Handwriting:

We will be expecting all our children to join their handwriting and we will be practising regularly in class. If there is any opportunity at home where you could reinforce and practise handwriting that would be a great help. If handwriting is of a high quality consistently across all writing, then pen licences will be handed out.



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Grammar:

There are a wealth of grammar websites available for the children to practise spelling and grammar at home, here are just a few:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_grammar/
<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>
<http://www.funenglishgames.com/grammargames.html>

Times Tables

Times table knowledge and practise will be a target for all children throughout the academic year. By the end of Year 4, the children should be able to recall at speed all of their times tables up to 12x12. Ed Shed <https://www.edshed.com> has some engaging times tables games for children to use at home. www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button and YouTube times tables songs are also great websites to use to help with times tables. Please encourage your child to practise their tables as much as possible as they will be completing a times tables test on a weekly basis in maths.

Homework:

Homework will be handed out every week. Please encourage your child to complete any homework given. It really does make a difference to your child's progress within school. Homework includes:

- Reading at home a minimum x3 per week
- Times tables practice (songs and games)
- Literacy / Spelling / Handwriting practice
- Ed shed needs to be accessed at least once a week. Both spelling and times table practice can be completed on there. All children have been on Ed shed in school and know how to login and access work. If your child has lost their login please let their class teacher know.

Friday's Star of the Week Assembly:

There will still be a Star of the Week Assembly every Friday and these will continue to take place on a video call with the other classes across school. Unfortunately parents are still unable to join. Children will still be sent home with their certificate for parents to see their child's achievement.

Finally, we would like to thank you for your continued support. If you need to see any of the phase 3/4 team, please feel free to catch us either before or after school.

Yours sincerely,

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