

Henry Chadwick Primary School

Year 3/4 Newsletter -Summer 1 2023



English:

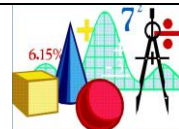
We will begin this half term reading the book 'The King who Banned the Light'. We will then move onto 'A Seed is Sleepy' which will link to our learning on our science topic, plants. When we begin our Roman topic, we will be focusing on the book 'Escape from Pompeii', by Christina Balit. We will be focusing on developing our understanding of this text through a variety of activities. We will also be developing our understanding of paragraphs, adverbs and fronted adverbs.

Maths:

In Maths this half term Year 3 will begin learning about fractions. We will be comparing and ordering fractions and finding equivalent fractions. We will then be moving onto add and subtract fractions and find fractions of a set of objects.

Year 4 will begin by comparing and ordering mixed numbers, convert improper fractions and add and subtract fractions. We will then move onto learning about decimals where we will be writing tenths and hundredths as decimals and fractions and divide 1 and 2-digit numbers by 10 and 100.

On a Friday the children will be learning about angles.



Topic

This half term our topic is Romans. We will begin by learning about the history of Rome - legend and fact - and understand where in Europe Rome is, and how the Romans came to extend their influence and create such a large and influential empire. We will then move on to finding out about The Roman Invasion of Britain. We will learn about life in Britain before the Romans arrived, look at jobs and roles in a Celtic village. Find out what daily life was like for Roman soldiers and learn how the arrival of the Romans changed life in Britain.

Science- Plants

In this unit the children will learn names of different parts of the plants and the jobs they do. The children will work scientifically and collaboratively to investigate what plants need to grow well. They will investigate the transportation of water within plants. They will work in a hands-on way to identify the parts of a flower and will explore the different stages in the life cycle of a flowering plant.



ICT

In ICT we will continue to develop our use of coding and algorithms using Scratch.

RE

This half term our unit will be 'In the Beginning of the World' and we will be focusing on creation. We will be exploring the meaning of creation, evaluate different ideas of creation. We will then learn about the Christian and Hindu stories of creation and compare their similarities and differences.

PHSE- Me and My other people in the world.

In PHSE this half term, we will be appreciating the range of national, regional, religious and ethnic identities in the United Kingdom. We will also focus on respecting equality and how to be a productive member of a diverse community.



P.E

Monday - Mr O Leary-Gymnastics -

In gymnastics our unit will be 'symmetrical shapes'. We will be building strength, performing with symmetry, changing direction between jumps, as well as entering and exiting apparatus in different ways.

Wednesday - PE - Mrs Orme

Striking and exploring - In striking and fielding games we will be learning to strike with various power, speed accuracy and direction as well as continually performing the basic skills needed for the games.

PE kits

Please can you ensure that children arrive at school on PE days in their PE kits. Suitable indoor and outdoor footwear should be available in school at all times. These kits may not be worn for lunchtime football / field activities. Children will need a change of kit, including appropriate shoes.

Forest School

Forest School will continue on a **Friday afternoon**. Please can you ensure that your child brings their kit in each week, including wellies.

Golden Mile

Each afternoon we will be going outside to take part in the 'golden mile' by either walking or running. This is not competitive and the children will only do what they can and are comfortable with.

Homework

Weekly homework will be set via Class Dojo, however, should you prefer a paper copy please let us know. Homework will be set each week on a Monday to be returned on a Friday. Homework is also published on the school's website for those who wish to access it in this way.

Staffing

Mrs Orme will teach Monday to Thursday, with Monday afternoon PE being taught by Mr O and Tuesday afternoon (French and English) being taught by Mrs Crawley.

Mrs Barnes will teach on Friday.

We have welcomed Mr Atkinson, a student teacher, into Year 3 and 4. Mr Atkinson will be working with us until June.

Communication

We will continue to inform you of your child's achievements through text messages.

Please remember that the door is always open and if you have any concerns or queries we will happily meet you at a convenient time to discuss these.

Mrs Barnes and Mrs Orme