

Year 3/4 Newsletter – Summer 2

Welcome

We're delighted to welcome you and your children back for another vibrant and engaging term. We can't believe it's our final term of this academic year! Over the next few weeks, pupils will be exploring a rich variety of new topics designed to spark their curiosity and build on the fantastic progress they've already made this year. This term, our learning will focus on strengthening core skills in English and mathematics, delving into fresh themes across our wider curriculum, and continuing to foster independence, resilience, and a genuine love of learning.

We're looking forward to a productive and enjoyable term ahead, and we appreciate your continued support in helping your child thrive.

If you need to contact us, please do not hesitate to arrange a meeting with us via the office at admin@seathorneprimaryacademy.org

The Year 3/4 team

Spelling and Reading

We focus on one spelling rule per week and this is chosen from our recent assessments. We will continue to learn the year 3 and 4 common exception words.

We will be reading a wide variety of texts, continuing to work on skills such as retrieval, inference and explanation, finding evidence in the text to support our arguments.



Writing

We will be reading The secret of Black Rock

We will be writing the following text types: Fiction (narrative)



We will also be using drama to act out three scenes from 'Macbeth' as part of our associate school programme alongside the Royal Shakespear Company.

Grammar – pupils will build their grammar skills by learning how adverbs, prepositions, and conjunctions add detail and link ideas within sentences. They will explore word families and prefixes to understand how words are related and how meanings can change. Children will learn about clauses, including subordinate clauses, to extend sentences and add extra information. A key writing focus will be direct speech, where pupils will practise using inverted commas (speech marks) and correct punctuation accurately in their written work.

Maths

Year 3:

In maths this term, we will be looking at some new concepts and revisiting and building on previous learning including:

- We will be completing our unit on time. The children have been learning to tell the time on analogue clocks. They have then used that knowledge to help them understand digital times. We will then go onto looking at time problems and working out the duration of events from the start and end times.



- We will move onto properties of shape and look at angles, including identifying different angles in shapes and naming the type of angle that it is.
- After shape, we will finish the year with statistics where we will examine different types of graphs – bar charts, pictograms etc and learn how to analyse and interpret the data.
- We will continue to build on our arithmetic skills with our maths arithmetic starter every day where we work on all the different operations (+ - x ÷ and fractions.)

Year 4

They will work with decimals, linking them to fractions and money, including recognising tenths and hundredths and placing them on a number line. In geometry, pupils will identify and describe properties of shapes, compare and classify angles, and use symmetry. Work on money will involve solving problems with different amounts, including adding, subtracting, and giving change using decimal notation. Pupils will also develop skills in time, converting between units, reading timetables, and solving real-life problems involving duration. In statistics, children will interpret and present data using bar charts, tables, and pictograms.

Year 4 will also undertake their Multiplication Check (MTC).

Science -

We will be investigating electricity. We will be learning what common appliances run on electricity. We will be forming simple series electrical circuits and finding out what happens to a light bulb if it is not a complete circuit. We will be learning what a switch does in a simple series circuit and what some of the common conductors and insulators are.

Design Technology

Pupils will explore textiles and fastenings, learning about different types such as zips, buttons, velcro, toggles, and press studs, and considering the advantages and disadvantages of each. They will design a book sleeve to meet a set design criteria, create and test paper templates, and produce a mock-up to check ideas and proportions. Children will then assemble a finished product using simple sewing techniques and evaluate their work, focusing on suitability for the target audience and overall appearance.

History.

This term, we will continue our exciting Ancient Greek learning. We have already learnt about their lives in different city states, the influence of Alexander the Great as well as learning about some of the Greek Gods that were so important to the Ancient Greeks. We will continue with our learning which will culminate in a really exciting Ancient Greek Day on **Wednesday 8th July**. More details to follow...

Music

Pupils will explore triads and chords, focusing on C, F and G major, and A minor, and will learn about basic chord structure through a folk and folk-rock style. They will sing with expression and stylistic awareness, play instrumental parts in a whole-class performance, and perform a partner song from memory with accurate rhythm. Children will also listen to and compare pieces of folk/folk-rock music, identifying similarities and differences to develop their musical understanding.



PE

In term 6, we will be developing our athletics skills in preparation for our sports day. We will also be developing our tennis skills through ball skills, using a net and using a wall. Please remember that all jewellery (especially earrings) needs to be removed for PE.



Puffins PE lessons are Thursdays and Fridays.
Blue Whales PE lessons are Wednesday and Thursday
Gorillas PE lessons are Thursdays and Fridays

PSHE

In PSHE this term, we will be learning about the working world around us. We will also be learning how to look after and world. We will then be learning about grief and how grief affects us all differently.



RE

Our learning focus will be based on the novel, 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe.' to develop our understanding of 'good vs evil' and our Seathorne values of courage and Friendship and Love. We will be looking at individual characters and their choices throughout the novel.



Reminders

As a reminder, our school uniform for Key Stage 2 is a purple jumper or cardigan, white shirt or polo shirt with black/grey trousers/skirt and black shoes.

Children are expected to read at home **daily**. Reading records should be brought into school every day for Dojo points to be awarded. These will be checked by an adult.

Dojo points will be given for home learning. This includes Times Tables Rock Stars outside of school hours.

Homework projects are optional, but children will be given dojo points on completion of this homework.



Homework Projects



We will be asking children to dress up for our Greek Day so you could start thinking about your costumes! Here are some ideas!



Assemble a Costume

Looking like an Ancient Greek will help make you feel like an Ancient Greek. Costumes do not have to be fancy – you can do a lot with a large white T-shirt! Here are some ideas:

Tunic for boys/Chiton for girls: This can be a simple white dress for girls or a large white T-shirt for boys and girls. You can also make one from a pillowcase, or even an old sheet: fold it over, stitch up the sides and cut a hole in top for your head. Boys can wear with a belt, cord or sash around the waist, while girls may wear with a simple thin apron.

Himation: Fasten a rectangle of coloured cloth with a brooch or button on the left shoulder.



Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



Times Tables Rockstars



Year group information

Puffins

Class Teacher: Mrs. Trevitt-Piercey (Mon-Wed)

Miss Dore (Thurs-Fri)

Teaching Assistants: Mrs. Williams

Blue Whales

Class Teacher: Miss. Gater

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Clarke (Mon –Wed)

Miss. Parish (Wed, Thurs and Fri)

Gorillas

Class Teacher: Mrs. Brader

Teaching Assistants: Mrs. North

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan and that Key Stage 2 uniform is black/grey trousers/skirt and white shirt/polo shirt

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

Dates for the diary!

Summer 2

Monday 1st June– School reopens to pupils

Tuesday 16th – Friday 19th June – Scholastic Book Fair in the hall.

Thursday 18th June – Yr 3 and 4 Sports Day

Wednesday 8th July – Year 3 and 4 Ancient Greek Day

Thursday 9th July – Transition Day

Wednesday 22nd July – Last day of this academic year.

Wednesday 2nd September – Welcome back for another exciting school year.