

## Year 3 and 4 ~ Miss Smith

Welcome back after what I hope has been an enjoyable summer. The children have all come back with smiles on their faces, they have settled back into school life very well and have quickly adapted to the new routines.



### Our Topics this year

Autumn : Rocks, Relics and Rumbles & Traders and Raiders

Spring : Predator & Scrumdiddlyumptious

Summer: Tribal Tales & Mighty Metals

Our class has children from Year 3 & 4, all of the children are working within the KS2 National Curriculum and are assessed according to their individual year group expectations. Each week will include English, Maths, Computing, PE, RE and Topic (Science, Geography, History, Art and Design Technology).

### English

This week I have introduced our class text "The Firework Makers Daughter" to the children. We have read the first three chapters together as part of our Guided Reading and during our English lessons we have been answering a range of comprehension questions.

In addition to our daily English lessons, the children also have separate handwriting (3 x 15 minutes), spelling (3 x 30 minutes) and grammar (2 x 20 minutes) sessions each week.

I have attached the Year 3 & 4 statutory word list to this newsletter, by the end of year 4 the children are expected to be able to read and write all of these words. At the moment we are not testing the children on these words but I thought it would be useful for you to have this list at home.

### Maths

To begin with this half term we are focussing on Place Value. We have been recapping work from the previous year this week and have begun work on ordering numbers, completing number patterns and understanding the value of each digit within numbers up to 100 and beyond for Year 3 and 1000 and beyond for Year 4.

In addition to our daily Maths lessons, the children will also have two twenty minute times table sessions a week. Once the children begin to build their times tables knowledge I will introduce the weekly times tables quiz for those who are confident.

Our PE days for this half term will be a Wednesday and a Friday. Could the children please come to school in their PE kit on those days, with an additional pair of shoes in a bag in case of wet weather.

### Reading at home

In our class we have today launched a Reading Reward System which the children are very excited about. I have talked to the children about the importance of reading at home and hope you will be able to encourage your child to read at home. When your child reads at home could this please be logged in their planner in the reading record section. I am happy for this to be completed by either the parent or the child so long as the parent can sign the entry if written by the child. Each Friday I will count and record the number of reads a child has done at home that week. Reading certificates will be given as follows;

**Bronze - 25 reads, Silver - 50 reads, Gold - 100 reads.**

Due to the current restrictions around sending things to and from school any books needing to be changed need to be placed in the book box on a Friday and new books will be sent home on the following Monday. I would love for children to read a book from their own collections at home over the weekend if they don't have a school book.

### Concerns/Questions

If you or your child has any concerns please feel to contact me on my class email [smith34@st-peters.notts.sch.uk](mailto:smith34@st-peters.notts.sch.uk)

Any urgent enquiries should be directed to the school office.

### Water bottles

Please send a water bottle with your child every day. You may also wish to send your child with their own small hand sanitizer bottle for their personal use.

**I hope you all have a lovely weekend!**

**Take Care  
Miss Smith x**