

Curriculum newsletter for 3/4J, 3/4S and 3/4MB

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Maths

To support your child with their maths here are some helpful hints:

The children need to have good mental skills so quick fire questions can always be a way to help your child. Perhaps while on a long car journey or just when you get the usual moan of "I'm bored..." These can be times tables as these remain a focus or perhaps addition and subtraction what is 23+6, or 32-7?

The children need to be able to add, subtract, multiply and divide using standard methods and we are continuing to work with them on these methods using them to solve real life word problems. Copies of the maths workshop handouts can still be obtained by seeing Mrs Stacey.

Further to this, take every opportunity to involve your child in real-life maths such as going to the shop and buying things. Ask them what have I spent? How much change should I get? If it is bedtime in one hour, what time is bedtime? It all helps.

Special sessions!

PE coaching sessions with Sam continue for all KS2 children on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Swimming sessions at the Dolphin Centre will resume for the final group of Year 4 children for the final five session. Mme Brooker will be teaching French on a Friday morning with Class 3/4 J for this final half term.

As always please ensure PE kits are always in school to enable your child to benefit from these sporting opportunities.

Our topic this half term is WE'LL MEET AGAIN

Welcome to the second half of the summer term which will be very busy with many activities planned. Our topic, We'll Meet Again, focuses on World War II and we are launching the topic with our evacuation visit on the Severn Valley Railway. We will be using texts including 'Bombs and Blackberries' by Julia Donaldson and 'My Secret War Diary' by Flossie Albright as a stimulus for our writing. Activities this half term include a KS1 and 2 Sports Day, a French morning, the transition events and our very special Year 4 leavers' assembly.

English

How can you help your child in English?

Here are some great ideas:

- We are closely monitoring the children's reading and those that achieve our expectation of reading three times a week, at home, will earn extra house points
- Spend time with child enjoying and talking to them about the book they are reading; are they enjoying it? Support them to explain what they are enjoying about the book and try to compare books by the same author to explore the writing style of that author
- Focus on word types and ask your child to select the noun, verb, adjective, adverb and conjunction in the sentence you have just read. This will reinforce the grammar learning at school. If they are Year 4, look for sentences starting with a fronted adverbial with them
- Talk to your child about what type of book they are reading. For example, is it a fiction book or a non-fiction book? Explore the contents page and index for non-fiction and characters and paragraphs and chapters for fiction books.

Topic

Our topic for next half-term is World War II which will have a focus on Geography, History, Science and DT within topic work. Learning will include:

- In Science, our topic is Electricity so we are making curriculum links with DT where the children will be making a blackout street scene using recycled materials, a simple circuit and moving parts.
- In Geography, we will be locating countries and cities using map skills. We will be focusing on the main cities in the UK that were bombed during the Blitz.
- In History, we will be looking at the countries in Europe involved in the war. Evacuation and rationing will be explored with a focus on the experiences of children at that time.

Unlocking the learning at home....as always we have received some super examples of home learning some of which are on display in the main entrance. Please remember that if your child is unsure of their home learning then we can help with resources to complete their home learning, or discuss ideas with them. Please just ask one of us for support. We believe it is very important that every child has the opportunity to engage with learning at home and will support however we can with this.