








Dear Parent/ Guardian



I want to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year and welcome you back to 2012! It's great to have the children back eager to learn.

This year Mrs Macquisten and Mrs Beckwith will continue to work alongside our class on set days to support different groups of children. Mrs Haynes will also be in the classroom every day. I will be out of the classroom on a Thursday morning and the children will be taught by Mrs Wright, Madame Danielle and a local sports coach.

Year 3/4 Spring Term Curriculum Overview

<p>R.E. - Our 'Here I Am' topics are: Celebrations, Thanks Giving and Self Giving. Our class liturgy is on Wednesday the 7th March at 10.15 in the Junior Hall. Please come along if you can.</p>		<p>ICT- Modelling and Control: The children will learn about simulations and how to create a data model.</p> 
	<p>Topic- Our World and Beyond: This topic gives pupils the opportunity to explore many areas of the curriculum whilst developing knowledge of our world and outer space. It is hoped that the topic will be engaging for boys and girls; providing an interesting theme for creative writing, research and other key skills.</p>	
<p>Science - Friction, Earth, Sun and Moon and Light and Shadow - These will be linked to our topic area.</p> 	<p>P.E. - This term, year 3 will participate in dance sessions on a Monday afternoon. It is essential that the children have their PE kit on this day. In addition to this, the whole class will participate in a sports session on a Thursday morning. The children are expected to bring their PE kits into school at the beginning of each half term, taking them home every holiday to be washed. Please ensure every part of your child's uniform is clearly labelled. Boys are not permitted to wear football kits during school P.E. lessons, nor should they be wearing them underneath their school uniform.</p>	
 <p>Art - Landscapes -This will link to our topic.</p>		
<p>Literacy- This term our units of work include: Non-Fiction, Stories set in imaginary worlds and poetry. These lessons will link to the 'Our World and Beyond' topic.</p>		 <p>WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE</p>

We encourage the children to drink water at school. Please ensure that your child has a refillable bottle (preferably with a sports top) clearly labelled with their name.



Reading records are being checked on a daily basis at school, so please encourage your child to read to an adult at home as often as possible, ensuring their reading records are signed. If your child finishes their book at home, please indicate this in their reading records so we know to change it in school.

Mrs Macquisten is working on spellings within year 3/4. Children learn to read and then write accurately all key words. Any that are misspelt are sent home to be practiced every other week.

Please help your child to learn these spellings.

I would finally like to invite parents to volunteer to hear readers etc in Lower Key Stage 2. We tend not to see as many parents coming into school, and this is a real shame. If there are any other areas you are interested in and would like to volunteer please don't hesitate in getting in touch.



Dates for your diary

Wednesday 1st February - we will be going on a school trip to the Space Centre. More information about this will be sent out shortly.

Wednesday 28th March - we will have an 'Alien and Astronaut' topic wow day for the children to come dressed up. Again, more information will be sent home about this closer to the time.

Yours sincerely

Miss Gadsby