

Year 3/4 Team Newsletter



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Year 3 & 4



Phoenix

Mrs Hackett
Miss Griffin



Delphinus

Miss Ridd
Mrs Palmer



Columba

Mr Sendall &
Mrs Gilbert.
Mrs Markham &
Mrs Ray

Surgery days

At the beginning of each day, teachers will be out on the playground. Please come and speak to us if you have anything you think we need to know, have any worries, or just to say hello! If you need to speak to us for longer than just a quick word, please make an appointment with the appropriate teacher:

Mondays: Mr Sendall (Phase Leader)

Tuesdays: Mrs Hackett, Miss Ridd &
Mrs Gilbert

TOPIC WORK

Throughout the year, we will have different topics which will usually last between two and three weeks. Our first topic has been Creation and so far we have explored Creation stories, made pieces of artwork using clay, paint and collage, created creation dances and composed creation music! Please have a look at our Phase webpage to see photos of some of these activities.

<http://www.st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk/phoenix.php>

ENGLISH

Helping at Home



Reading: Please continue to support your child with their reading at home. Reading logs are collected **EVERY DAY**, and it is important that an **adult** signs off any reading which the child has done, whether they have read with an adult or independently, so that we can move them up the Readership Award Chart. If your child is on the Reading Scheme, we will endeavour to change the books the same day that they are returned to us.

Writing: Some activities you could use to encourage your child to improve their writing could be to write to a family member or friend. They could also write a story for you to read at bedtime. If they need to improve their handwriting, you could get them to write out the shopping list so that it can be easily read in order for the correct items are bought. Help them with planning any writing homework.



Spelling: Each week, your child will get spellings to learn based around a particular rule. These will go home on a Friday to be learnt for a test on the following Friday. The result of that test will be written on the spelling sheet for that week and any incorrect spellings will be highlighted. Please take extra time to go over these spellings, and the rule, with your child.



Showcases

Throughout the year, to tie in with our topics, we will be having 'Showcases'. These are things which the children are working towards producing. It gives purpose to their work. A showcase might be a short film, a play, an information leaflet, or something completely different...

For our first Showcase Year 3 & 4 are holding an Art Exhibition and parents, grandparents and friends are invited to view our artwork, music and writing on Friday 20th September at 2:45pm.

Hopefully we'll also have some of the artwork and Photographs which the children produced for homework to display!

MATHS

Hopefully, practising the skills for their current 'Quick-fire Maths' target has now become part of your child's daily homework routine. Last year they were beginning to realise that the 5 seconds they have to answer each question isn't long and so they really need to be confident in the facts they are learning in order to answer within this allotted time. Therefore, please help your child practise regularly in order to increase their confidence.



Helping at home

Each Quick-fire maths level comes with its own practise pack, but please speak to your child's teacher if you need any further support with this.

This half term, perhaps let your child help you with the cooking and shopping for a meal. They can decide what is needed (which may involve adding, multiplying. It might also include some division if it is a recipe which has been written for more people than you require). Get them to calculate how much it will all cost and how much change they should get.

SCIENCE

This half term the children are learning about 'Rocks and Soils' which will be closely linked with the topic we will be exploring in a few weeks time.



We will study the properties of naturally occurring materials and how they can be used for different things...

RE

This Half term we are learning more about Creation. We will learn that, because we are created in God's image and likeness, we all have something of God in us, which means we have to respect the similarities and differences in all people. We will explore sustaining ourselves through prayer - celebrating God in us and valuing ourselves.



PE

The children will have one PE lesson on a **Wednesday** morning, and then as part of a rotation on **Thursday** afternoons with specialist Sports Coaches. However, there are occasions when we have to swap the days, so please ensure that your child has their PE kit in **every day**.

If your child is taking part in an after school activity, they are expected to wear alternative appropriate clothing, other than their PE kit.

HOMEWORK

Every 2-3 weeks, depending on the length of the topic, you will receive a new pack of Learning and Enquiry-based homework to do with your child. As you learn together, through doing the different projects, you will hopefully get to know more about how your child is getting on with their work, and they will learn from you. This homework is in addition to the reading, spelling and number facts (Quick-fire maths) practise which your child should be doing every day.