

Year 3/4 Team Newsletter



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English

This half term, Year 3/4 are exploring persuasive texts. So far, the children have been asking their own questions about India and then working to discover the answers, and now their attention turns to Fairtrade and living in a more sustainable way. Therefore, in their English lessons they will be looking at ways to get their views on this across to other people so that they can persuade them to change their attitudes towards Fairtrade. As part of this, they will be writing to various companies and organisations.



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 Reading Chart. Well done to those children who are already close to achieving their target. We hope that more children will achieve their target before the end of term.

Maths

This half term sees the launch of our new school initiative for children to learn key number facts 'Quick-fire Maths'. This programme includes all the basic number facts, times tables etc, which will enable your child to speed up their calculations. As well as introducing this to the children in lessons, we shall be sending home the target skills for your child to learn. Please support your child with learning these facts.



Science Day

On Wednesday 20th March 2013 we are holding a whole school Science day. The children will be conducting a series of exciting experiments which will widen their scientific investigation skills, knowledge and understanding.

RE

This Half term we are exploring what the season of Lent means for Christians and how it is a time when we are called to examine our lives and grow to be more like Christ. Part of this will be done through our work on Fairtrade but we will also look at how Jesus changed the lives of the people he met. In addition to this, we will consider how we can deepen our relationship with God through prayer.

Fairtrade Tea Party

As part of Fairtrade fortnight, we would like to invite you to join us in the school hall on Thursday 28th Feb at 2:30pm for a 'Fairtrade Tea Party'.



Lent

Lent is a time when we look at the way we have been living our lives and consider what changes we need to make in order to grow to be more like Christ. We fast as a sign of our devotion to God, whether it be fasting from something which we like or from doing something which is destructive. We pray more, and we give alms—giving charitably of our time, talents and treasures.

This Lent we are supporting the 'Hungry for Change' campaign.

We produce enough food to feed the world, yet one in eight people don't have enough to eat. The way that food is grown, sold and shared out is not working for the world's poorest people, and this campaign hopes to change this injustice and to tackle global hunger. To help with this, we are encouraging the children to donate some of their money. Each class will try to fill as many mini-cereal boxes as they can with the coins they collect.



Fairtrade and Sustainability Fashion Show

Our main focus this half term will be on Fairtrade and sustainability. As part of this, we shall be holding a Fairtrade and sustainability Fashion show as part of this term's Family Learning Workshop.

The work which we are doing in our English, Maths, RE, Design Technology, Geography, PE and Music will all come together in the form of the fashion show where we hope to educate others about, as well as promote Fairtrade and sustainability.

In order for us to do this we desperately need any clothes, pieces of material and haberdashery which could be used to create clothes for the fashion show. PLEASE send in anything which you think will be of use, but it is important to note that any clothes which you do send in will not be returned in their original state!

The Fashion show will take place in the afternoon of Tuesday 19th March at 2pm. We hope that many of you will be able to join us and see the work which the children have worked hard to produce.



Parents' Meetings

Parents meetings for the Spring Term will take place in the week beginning 11th March. The meetings for Y3&4 are as follows:

Monday 11th March 1-3pm;

Tuesday 12th March 3:30-6:30pm;

Wednesday 13th March 3:30-6:30pm;

Friday 15th March 9am-12pm

If you have not sent back your reply slip yet, please do so as these meetings are very important in maintaining communication between home and School, and it gives a valuable opportunity to talk about your child and find out how they are progressing.

If you cannot find your reply slip, please contact the school office and they can pass on a message of your time preference.

We look forward to seeing you.