



Welcome to Year 3 and 4!

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to welcome you to our Year 3/4 class named Perfect Planets. Things may be a little different this year but I hope that your child enjoys the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 3 and 4 has to offer. We are excited to be starting our new topic 'Ancient Greeks' and are sure to have great fun learning together.



Reading

Your child will **bring their book bag home every Friday** and the book will be for reading at home. Please sign the reading diary to confirm that your child has read at home, as books will only be changed if the record has been signed. Also, you, or whoever reads with your child, are welcome to record any comments about your child's reading. I am happy to send additional books as requested.

Please return the reading book and bag every **Wednesday**

Please note that unless your child brings a school book bag, the reading books and records will remain in school.

I will hear your child read in school each week independently and through whole class reading sessions. These sessions aim to provide more focused teaching of reading and comprehension skills.

Children's reading levels will be reviewed in September and a coloured book-band will be allocated, which may be different to their previous colour band. **Children may receive the same book twice and this is to consolidate comprehension and word recognition skills.**

It is vital that your child reads as much as possible at home, as well as in school, to make good progress, improve comprehension, word recognition, spellings and to have fun!

Homework

Homework this term will go out on a Friday and please return it the following Wednesday. Homework this term will focus mainly on key skills such as spelling, reading and number work. If a project is sent home to be completed e.g. for history, this will be optional and a much longer time scale will be given to ensure it is manageable for pupils and families.

Your support with homework is appreciated.

Spelling

During this half term, spellings will focus on revising crucial high frequency words and common exception words, as well as moving onto the more challenging Year 3 and 4 spellings. Alongside providing a list of **10 spellings** to learn at home, the key spellings will also be continually reinforced in class, as we have found that often children learn spellings for the test, but do not use the correct spelling in independent writing tasks. We recommend spending a little time practising each day to help your child to remember the spellings. As an added challenge, ask your child to write each spelling in an interesting sentence or story!



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PE

Year 3 & Year 4 PE day is TUESDAY.

Please ensure your child has a **PE kit in school at all times** with all items clearly labelled. This includes a PE top, shorts/jogging trousers and appropriate footwear.

YEAR 3 swimming

Due to COVID-19 restrictions school swimming is yet to resume. We will let you know when we have a date for Year 3 to start their swimming lessons.

Please note; earrings must be removed for PE lessons. Also, for the continued health and safety of our pupils, we are aiming to be an '*earring free*' school. Your support in this is greatly appreciated.

Can I help?

We understand that this year may be challenging and daunting for pupils as they become used to new hygiene routines and different classroom layouts. Please rest assured that I will do everything to ensure that your children find school a safe, fun and welcome environment in Year 3/4.

If you have **any** concerns or questions about your child's progress or anything else, please contact the school via email or telephone. I am always happy to help and want to work with you to ensure your child becomes the best they can be in Year 3 and 4!



Year 4 Times Tables Check

This year pupils will undertake the Times Tables Check. The purpose of this is to check whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in maths. The Year 4 Times Table Check is an online test with 25 questions and children must answer each question within 6 seconds so the whole test will take less than 5 minutes. The check will take place within the month of June.

You can help your child prepare for this by practising all the times tables and using Times Tables Rock Stars. Remember being accurate with the answers is better than trying to answer quickly. Practice makes perfect!

**Thank you for your support.
Miss Purdy and Mrs Chapplow**