



Where children come first

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Year 3 and 4 Spring Newsletter

It has been so wonderful to have the children back in school and to hear about their Christmas breaks. We have kick-started the term by making our Roman shields. Each classroom now looks like it is home to a small army!

Autumn 2

As ever, autumn term felt like a very busy one! The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the Stone Age in autumn 1 and answering the big question 'How do I Keep Myself Healthy?' in autumn 2. Thank you to all of you who managed to make it into school for our Inspire workshops. I am sure there were many aching muscles the next day. It was a real high point to end the term with our wonderful carols around the tree and having so many of you into school to share a mince pie and some festive spirit.

Were the Romans Rotten or Remarkable?

As you may be aware, this term we are diving into the past and exploring all things about the Romans. Living in the city of York, we are lucky to have so many Roman links and exciting things to explore on our own doorstep. Throughout the topic, we will be exploring many elements of Roman life from the invasion of Britain, the Roman army, gladiator fighting and discovering more about the brave Boudica! Your child will be bringing home a Knowledge Organiser which will contain all our key learning that you can explore with your child.

Class Texts

We will be looking at the following texts this half term to support our learning.







Supporting your child at home

As you know, we don't set formal homework each week but we do ask that you support us with some learning at home. We feel that it is really important that the children get into good habits with home working as well as giving you an opportunity to see how they are progressing in different areas of the curriculum.

Please note that to protect our children the school gates are locked between the hours of 8.30am and 9.05am and 2.45pm and 3.30pm. If you are travelling to school by car during these times, please be aware that you could be locked in the school car park. Please find alternative parking outside the school gates, if required.



<p>Regular Reading. Your child will have a reading book that they bring home each day in their reading folder. We ask that the children or you make at least 3 entries into their reading records so that we can track how they are getting on. They can also go on Reading Plus at home.</p>	
<p>Regular Times Tables Practise Children in year 4 will be taking part in the national multiplication check and therefore it is important that they practise their tables as much as possible. For the children in year 3, it is great for them to get a head start and practice both TT Rockstars in school and at home.</p>	
<p>Learning Spellings Each child will be set 10 spelling from the weekly spelling lists for year 3 and 4, which will be given in the yellow spelling books, which the children keep in their reading folders. You can practise them for the weekly test in any way that is helpful.</p>	
<p>LBQ Throughout the term, staff will begin setting some optional home learning related to content that they are studying in school. You can find their LBQ log in inside their reading records. If you are unsure- please just ask your child's teacher.</p>	

PE Days

Your child will be taking part in PE twice a week, please send your child in their PE kit on their allocated days. Full PE kit details can be found on the school website. Please see below for your child's PE days:

3RH	Wednesday	Friday
3LR	Wednesday	Friday
3SS	Wednesday	Friday
4AL	Wednesday	Friday (Swimming, please come in school uniform)
4LJ	Thursday	Friday (Swimming, please come in school uniform)
4PL	Thursday	Friday (Swimming, please come in school uniform)

Staffing Update

At the end of autumn term, we waved Miss Illingworth off onto her maternity leave - it is time for her to put her feet up! Miss Illingworth has handed her class over to the wonderful Mrs Hyatt who has many years' experience here at Westfield and we are delighted to have her back from maternity leave.

Thank you for your continued support and as ever, please do not hesitate to approach us with any questions or queries.

Kind regards,
Miss Jones
Year 3 & 4 Phase Leader



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Mr Lowman
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Miss Lackenby
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Miss Sharpe
3SS

Mrs Robinson
3LR

Mrs Hyatt
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