

Year 3 and 4 Newsletter



Autumn Term 2023

the **enquire**
learning trust

Meet the team...

Year 3: Class 6

Teacher: Mrs Rayment & Mrs Story
(Friday)

TA: Mrs Groves & Mrs Horne (Friday)

Year 3 & 4: Class 5

Teacher: Mr Carroll

TA: Mrs Smith

Year 4: Class 4

Teacher: Miss Norris

TA: Miss Heard

Come and talk to us!

We are more than happy to have a quick chat after school! ☺
Please be mindful that initially, staff are making sure that children reach their adults on the yard safely as part of health and safety/safeguarding, please do wait until the majority of children are with their adults. Thank you for your patience.

Welcome back to the new school year, Autumn Term! ☺

We hope you have enjoyed your summer and were able to get some fresh air and enjoy the sunshine!

The start of the new school year has been busy but successful with the Year 3 children adapting well to KS2 life and our year 4 children stepping up to the expectations of year 4. This half term, our enquiry question is '**How did the fire of Colchester start?**' and we will be exploring the book '**Boudicca**' as part of our Power of Reading/English sessions. Children have shown great enthusiasm and we cannot wait for our first school trip this year to Segedunum!!

Year 3 and 4 will be developing their reading and spelling skills through our whole school approach to phonics, Sounds Write. These sessions will take place weekly.

We are looking forward to a busy term with lots of learning...and fun!

Year 3 and 4 team ☺

P.E DAYS: Children are to wear their PE kit to school on their PE days with jogging bottoms and a hoodie/track top over the top to keep them warm. Trainers or plimsolls are O.K but please be mindful of wearing plimsolls when it is raining as we aim to be outside as much as we can! **Red t-shirts please, no football tops.**

Mrs Rayment: Wednesday and Thursday

Mr Carroll: Thursday and Friday

Miss Norris: Monday and Thursday

School Uniform:

Navy blue sweatshirt / jumper / cardigan.

Grey trousers / skirt / pinafore dress.

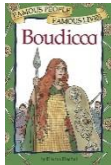
White polo shirt.

School shoes - No trainers, except for PE days.

Curriculum

English

Our daily English lessons will be focused initially around an explanation text. We will focus on handwriting and applying essential punctuation. Children will also explore a range of sentence types and learn how to apply these to their writing. Through Power of Reading we will read and unpick the text, Boudicca.



Maths

Children will be developing their place value knowledge and build upon previous learning. We will follow 'White Rose' for Maths and explore different ways of representing numbers. By the end of Year 4, all children should know their times tables. We will be using TTRS to develop accuracy and fluency. The 4 rules will be a focus as children develop their strategies for answering calculations.



Science

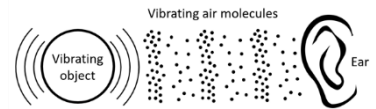
Autumn 1: Sound
Autumn 2: Light



The ear:

Is an organ that is made up of three different sections that work together to collect sounds and send them to the brain: the outer ear, the middle ear, and the inner ear.

Through scientific enquiry we will set up investigations and record our results.



Topic

Our brand new learning question is... **How did the fire of Colchester start?** Geography, History and DT Technology will drive this topic and children will develop their knowledge of history and life in Roman Britain. Furthermore, we will delve into the depths of history to find out about Boudicca's battles and the fire of

Colchester



PSHE

A huge focus in every class and during focused PSHE lessons will be well-being and mental health. We want the children to discuss recent events in the world and to recognise different emotions, feelings or worries. We will also explore our learning question...

What strengths, skills and interests do we have?



Computing

In computing we will be focusing our learning around e-safety. In today's world digital technologies are a fantastic way of learning, entertainment, discoveries and communication. Children will learn how to keep themselves safe when online and how to recognise any potential online danger.



Important Dates

Friday 15th Sept - Project homework given out

Tuesday 26th Sept - European Day of Languages

Friday 29th Sept - **PD DAY (School closed)**

Tuesday 10th Oct - World Mental Health Day (Dress in yellow)

Monday 23rd October - Trip to Segedunum

Friday 27th October - BREAK UP for half term

Monday 6th November - Children back in school

Wednesday 15th Nov - Year 3/4 Open morning

Reading

Ensuring that your child comes to school every day with their

- ✓ Book Bag (Every child needs one!!)
- ✓ Reading book
- ✓ Reading diary

It is **essential** that these come to school and go home daily.

Notices

Marvellous Me!

Don't forget to download the Marvellous Me App if you haven't already! We want to tell you all about your child's learning.

If you need a new joining code, just ask your child's teacher.



SUPER STUDENT!

Every Friday two children from each class are chosen to be super students. Super students are announced in the Friday's whole school assembly.

To be chosen for a super student at the end of the week your child must:

- Attend school **EVERY DAY**.
- Arrive at school on time **EVERY DAY**.
- Wear school uniform **EVERY DAY**.
- Complete their homework.
- Bring their book bag to school **EVERY DAY**.
- Have excellent behaviour.



Homework



Half-termly project homework has now gone out. The children are encouraged to bring in one piece of homework each week to share with their class. Please support your child by Reading at home at least three times a week. Children will no longer be given homework sheets to complete. Practice times tables and maths challenges on TTRS and Sumdog.

Don't forget to sign your child's reading diary when you listen to them read.