



Southcoates Primary Academy Newsletter

Thursday 12th September, 2024

Years 3 and 4

A Great Start to the Year

The children in lower key stage two have made a fantastic start to the year and we are really proud of how quickly they have settled and the learning that has taken place already.

All of the children have returned to school looking smart in their uniforms and have shown that they are ready for the challenges of their new year group. They've been taking pride in their work and have enjoyed starting their new theme.

Across the school year, your child will have the opportunity to bring home their class mascot (Tiny, Delphin or Pringles) to spend the weekend with you! Please support your child when completing the journal and return the mascot and journal on the Monday so your child can share their adventures with the rest of the class.

What are we learning this half term?

We're excited to start our new theme for this half term: **The Vikings.**

In English, we will be reading the story *The Dragon's Hoard*.

In history, we will learn more about The Vikings - where they came from, where they lived and what they ate. We will also be learning more about the jewellery that Viking men and women used to wear.

In Art, the children will be designing their own piece of Viking jewellery and then using clay to create it!



Messages

- This half term our **PE days** are **Tuesdays and Thursday** - please ensure your child has appropriate footwear and clothing for outdoor PE.
- Tuck shop is available at break time so children have the chance to purchase a snack for 25p. Children are allowed to bring in their own snack if they wish - this must be a piece of fruit.
- Only water is allowed in water bottles in the classroom - flavoured water or juice is not permitted. Flavoured water and juice are allowed in a packed lunch.
- Only stud earrings are allowed in school (these must be removed for PE).

What can I do at home to help my child?

In years three and four, your weekly homework will include:

- **Spellings to learn** - they are given on a Friday and tested the following Friday.
- **Reading** - children must read 3 times a week.
- **TTRockstars and Letterjoin** - for at least 15 minutes a week.

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 24th September:	Rackets Cubed starts (Dolphins only - more details to follow)
Tuesday 3rd October:	National Poetry Day
Fri 4th and 11th Oct:	Y3 Pedestrian Skills (more details to follow)
Tuesday 8th October:	Parents' Evening (more details to follow)
Wednesday 9th October:	Parents' Evening (more details to follow)
Thursday 17th October:	KS1 Harvest Festival
Monday 21st October:	Whole school Spanish Week
Thursday 24th October:	Halloween Disco (more details to follow)
Friday 25th October:	Last day before half-term break
Monday 4th November:	School opens after half-term break
Tuesday 5th November	Rackets Cubed resumes (Dolphins)