

YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER



HALF TERMLY UPDATE

May 2026

Dear parents and carers,

This half term was full of fun activities and trips in LKS2! Elm and Ash class assembly were performing in the hall in front of parents and carers. The children sang, danced and read their lines with clarity and enthusiasm. Within English, the children thoroughly enjoyed writing their own formal letters to Sweet Cherry Publishing or their favourite authors. They demonstrated a strong understanding of persuasive writing techniques. In maths, they continued to explore fractions in depth, including unit fractions and parts of a whole and more recently we have learned about money and different ways to make £1. Through engaging problem-solving activities, supported by a range of visual and hands-on resources, the children were able to deepen their understanding and bring their learning to life. In science, year 3 focused on the topic of light, carrying exciting experiments to investigate shadows and how light travels. This practical approach helped to develop their scientific enquiry skills and curiosity. A particular highlight of the term was the trip to RHS Wisley Gardens, where the children had the opportunity to explore plants and their properties in a real-world environment. This experience enriched their learning and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Photos from the trip can be found overleaf and on our school website!

Year 4 have also had a busy and rewarding term. One of the standout moments was their visit to Sayers Croft, where the children took part in hands-on learning about rivers and habitats. Back in school, preparations for the Multiplication Tables Check are well underway, with the assessment scheduled for the first week back on 1st June. Year 4 have also been diving into the meaning of communion in RE, asking a big question: 'Is it a time for celebration, remembrance... or both?' To bring their learning to life, the children stepped back in time to recreate the Last Supper through drama and role play. They also made brilliant connections to their previous learning about Passover, deepening their understanding and sparking some fantastic discussions along the way. In French, we have been looking at food and enjoyed hands-on, active learning such as playing games in French, creating triarama shops as well as having a go at ordering at our "French café".

Please look at the dates below so you can see what exciting trips and events are coming up next half term.

Wishing everyone a restful half term,

Mrs Parker, Head of Year 3 and Year 4 (LKS2 Phase Leader)

YEAR 3 HIGHLIGHTS

Music: In music this half term, children have been learning to play scales and improvised melodies using the pentatonic scale. Inspired by an ancient Chinese story about a dragon, they have been working in groups to create a musical accompaniment to the story. They have been using pentatonic notes on a glockenspiel and sound effects using percussion to dramatic effect.

Computing: We have been learning about desktop publishing, making our own creative and colourful Rainforest posters and fliers using Canva.

Science: We have been finding out about light, and how it travels. We conducted our own experiments with torches and mirrors, and also made our own sundial on the playground using a cricket stump and some chalk, which showed us how light from the sun casts shadows at different times of the day.

RE: We have been learning about the festivals that Jewish people celebrate. We looked at Bar Mitzvahs and Bat Mitzvahs where girls and boys become adults in the way in which they worship. A highlight of the unit was a visit from a Rabbi who explained to children the story of how Moses helped the Israelites escape slavery in Egypt. He also let children taste some of the ingredients of the Seder meal that Jewish people eat during the Passover festival.

YEAR 4 HIGHLIGHTS

Geography: 'Where does our food come from?' Year 4 looked at the journey a cocoa bean makes to end up in the chocolate we eat. They also looked at different food packaging to find out the country it has come from and calculated the food miles it took to get to the UK.

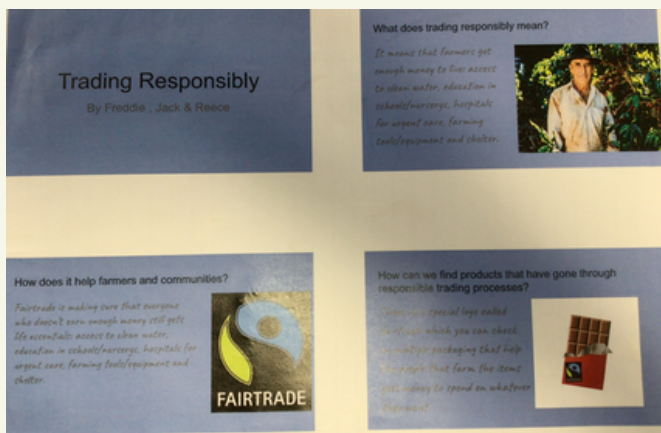
Computing: We have been exploring the exciting world of data logging as part of their computing curriculum using Micro:bit devices. Pupils have used Micro:bit devices to record the sound, light and temperature levels around the school and have used the devices to investigate their own questions. We have also begun our new programming unit using scratch. They have developed problem-solving skills through the debugging of their code and have a strong understanding of how software works. It's been fantastic to see their creativity and confidence grow as they bring their ideas to life through coding!

Science: We have been exploring the world of living things, looking at what makes something living (MRS GREN) as well as classifying and grouping animals using different characteristics (MR FAB).

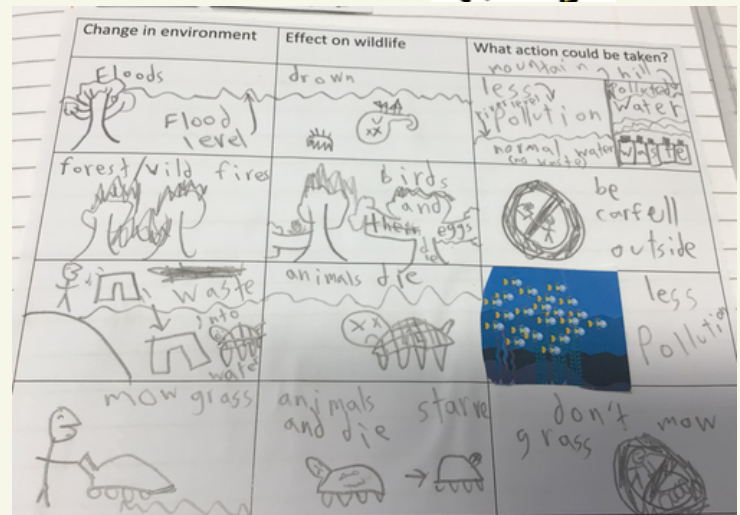
PSHE: This half term we have focused on citizenship. We have been learning what human rights are and why they are important, as well as learning about the roles and responsibilities within different communities.



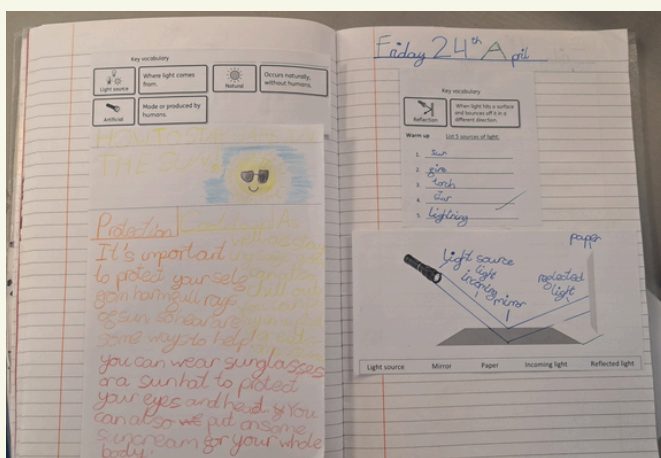
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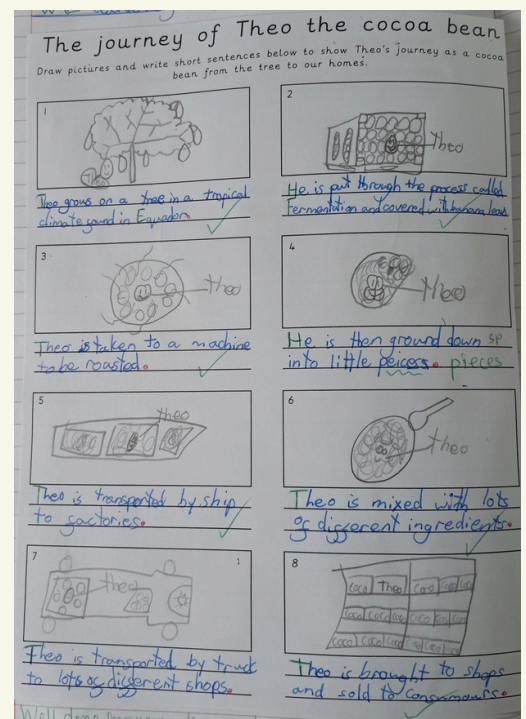
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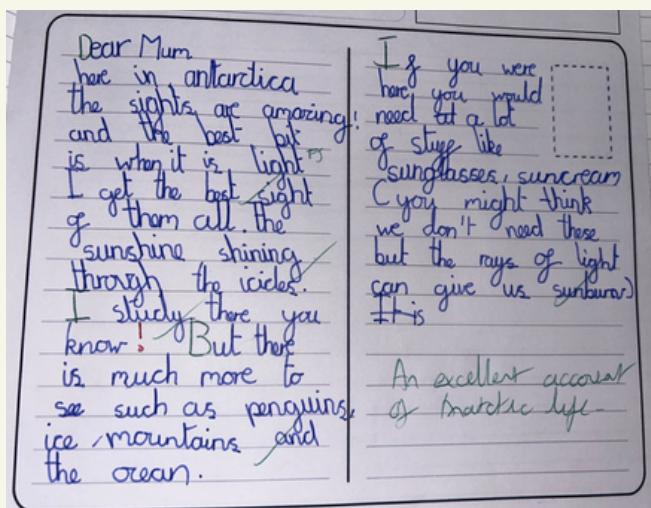
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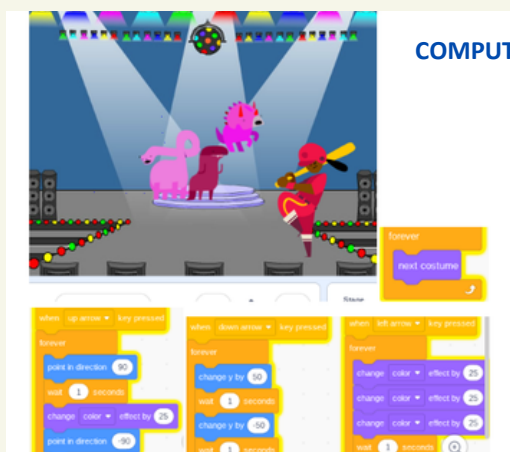
SCIENCE (OAK) - TALITHA



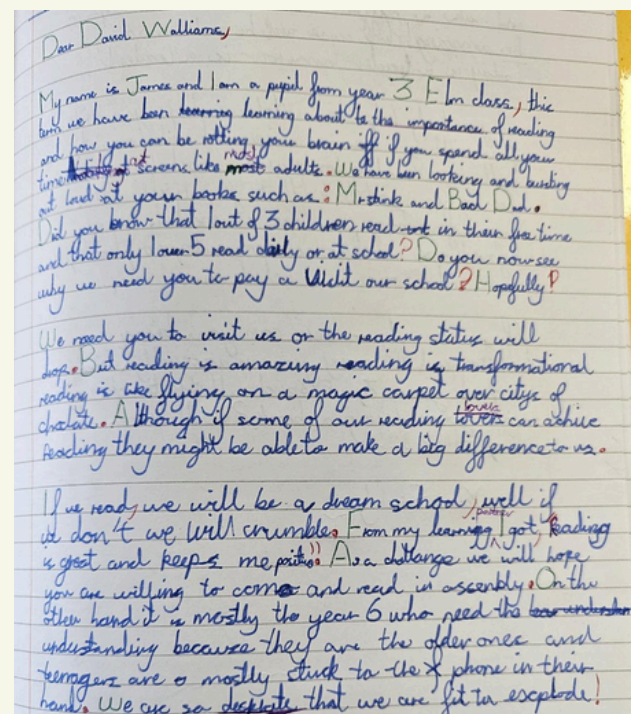
GEOGRAPHY (ACER) - ELIZA



GEOGRAPHY (ASH) - EMILY



FORMAL LETTER, ENGLISH (ELM) - JAMES



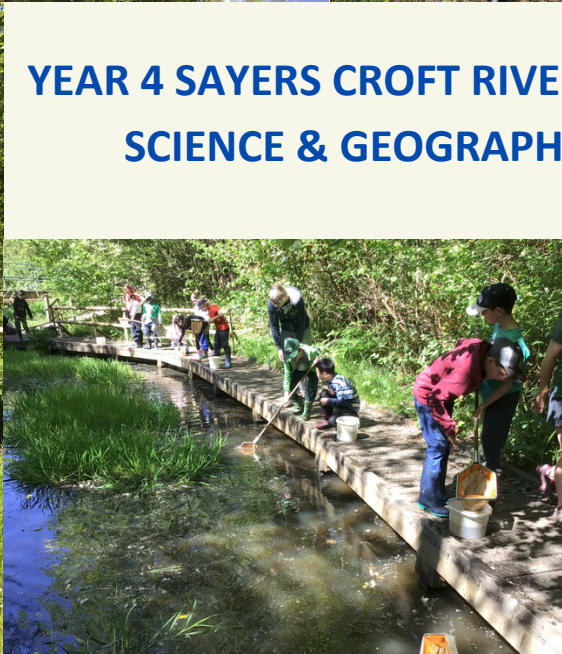
TRIPS THIS HALF TERM



YEAR 3 RHS WISLEY TRIP PLANTS SCIENCE



YEAR 4 SAYERS CROFT RIVER TRIP SCIENCE & GEOGRAPHY



NEXT HALF TERM:

PE DAYS + SWIMMING



ASH PE : PE TUESDAY
SWIMMING FRIDAY
ELM PE: PE WEDNESDAY
SWIMMING THURSDAY
OAK PE : PE MONDAY
SWIMMING TUESDAY

ACER: SWIMMING MONDAY
PE THURSDAY
PALM: PE WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY
PINE: PE MONDAY AND FRIDAY

REMINDERS



HOME LEARNING:
YEAR 3 FRIDAY - FRIDAY
YEAR 4 MONDAY - MONDAY

SPELLING TEST:
YEAR 3 FRIDAY
YEAR 4 MONDAY

DAILY CHECKLIST:
HSO / HEALTHY SNACK/ WATER BOTTLE/
COAT/ READING BOOK

PARENT HELPERS NEEDED



PLEASE LOOK AT THE PROJECTS
BELOW WHERE WE REQUIRE
PARENT SUPPORT. PLEASE
CONTACT YOUR CLASS TEACHER
DIRECTLY IF YOU CAN HELP
THANK YOU!



Year 4



The MTC test will take place first week back after half term.
They will have 6 seconds to type up each answer on a computer.
There are 25 questions in total and they need 25/25 to pass.

Quick recall really matters! The more fluent their times tables knowledge becomes, the more confident and relaxed they will feel on the day.

Here are a couple of great websites to support over half term :

- Times Tables Rock Stars - Fun, fast-paced games to build speed and accuracy- **your child has an account.**
- Topmarks Hit the Button - Brilliant for quick-fire recall practice. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
- MTC practise: <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

Just 5-10 minutes a day can make a huge difference! Let's work together to help every child feel confident and ready to shine. Scan the QR code for quick access to MTC games!



Y3 TOPICS



- English: Happy Prince/Tutankhamun
- Reading: books across the groups
- Maths: Shape and Statistics
- Science: Forces
- RE: Creativity, expressing beliefs
- PE: Cricket/swimming
- History: Ancient Egypt
- DT: Eating seasonally
- PSHE: Economic wellbeing/transition
- Computing: Scratch
- French: Classroom/circle of life

Y4 TOPICS



- English: Should animals get fed in national parks? I asked the boy who couldn't see.
- Reading: Books on rotation
- Maths: statistics, geometry, Roman numerals
- RE: Making the world a fairer place
- PE: Cricket/swimming/rounders
- History: Mayans
- DT: Torches
- PSHE: Economic wellbeing/transition
- Computing: Audio production
- Music: Pitch, Tempo and dynamics
- Science: Teeth and eating

KEY DATES NEXT TERM:



Mon 1st - Friday 12 th	Year 4 MTC Test (Multiplication Tables Check)
Wednesday 3 rd	Year 4 DT Torch making 1.00pm -3.00pm Acer class - Parents invited to join
Wednesday 3 rd :	Year 3 Scratch computing workshop with Eduthing (Morning)
Thursday 4 th	Year 4 Torch making 1.00pm -3.00pm Palm & Pine class - Parents invited to join
Friday 5 th :	Egyptian Day Year 3 (Children dressed up in Egyptian themed outfit)
Tuesday 9 th	OPAL PLAY with parents 2pm
Friday 12 th :	Oak class assembly 8.50am
Saturday 13 th :	PTA Good As New uniform sale, Horsell Junior School, 10:00 - 11:30
Wednesday 17 th :	Sports Day Year 3 and Year 4 in the afternoon
Friday 19 th :	PTA Mufti Day and Summer Fair Donations
Tuesday 23 rd :	Music workshop Year 4
Wednesday 24 th :	Music workshop Year 4 with performance to parents at 14:30.
Friday 26 th :	Year 4 sleepover (those who registered, SCOPAY payments after half term)
Monday 29 th	INSET day



Saturday 4 th :	PTA Summer Fair
Tuesday 14 th :	Year 3-5 PTA disco
Thursday 16 th :	Year 3 -5 Prize giving
Friday 17 th :	Last Day of Term, early finish at 13:30

UPCOMING EVENTS INFORMATION:

Darwin's Kingdom

Year 4

June 1st

In English, the children will be learning how to write a balanced argument, focusing on the question: Should animals be kept in zoos? To enrich their understanding of this topic, Darwin's Kingdom will be visiting us to provide a hands-on educational experience.

The children will have the opportunity to hold and interact with a variety of different species. They will learn about the animals' habitats, needs, and the responsibilities involved in caring for them. The visit will also give the children insight into what it is like to work with animals professionally, helping them to consider both sides of the zoo debate in a thoughtful and informed way.

This promises to be an engaging and memorable experience that will greatly support their learning and spark meaningful discussion and writing in class.



YEAR 4 TORCH MAKING DT PROJECT



YEAR 4 WILL BE MAKING TORCHES ON THE WEEK COMMENCING 1ST OF JUNE
IN PREPARATION FOR THE UPCOMING SLEEPOVER (26TH JUNE)

PLEASE SEND IN BY 22ND OF MAY:

1. AN EMPTY PLASTIC BOTTLE
2. 2 NEW AA BATTERIES (OPTIONAL)



We will also like parent volunteers to help us with this torch-tastic project on the following days :



Acer: Wednesday 3rd June 1pm - 3pm



Palm: Thursday 4th June 1pm - 3pm



Pine: Thursday 4th June 1pm - 3pm

Please email your child class teacher directly if you are able to come.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPORT,
MRS PARKER AND THE YEAR 4 TEAM**

YEAR 3 EGYPTIAN DAY

FRIDAY 5TH JUNE 2026

WE LOOK FORWARD TO 'WALKING LIKE AN EGYPTIAN'
AT OUR THEMED EGYPTIAN DAY ON JUNE 5TH

PLEA:

1. PLEASE SEND IN KITCHEN ROLL TUBES (PREFEREBLY) OR TOILET ROLL TUBES BETWEEN NOW AND 4TH JUNE. (WE NEED 180 OF THEM). THIS WILL BE FOR THE EGYPTIAN SCROLLS ACTIVITY.
2. PLEASE BRING A SMALL TEDDY ON THE DAY FOR AN EXCITING MUMMIFYING SESSION.

THANK YOU!

MRS PARKER, MR DUNSFORD AND MISS FREUND





YEAR 4 MUSIC WORKSHOP

PERFORMANCE TO PARENTS
2:30PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL
24TH JUNE



YEAR 4 SLEEPOVER

Thank you to the children who have signed up for the Year 4 sleepover. We are looking forward to this exciting event!
An email will follow with SCOPAY payment link after half term.

To bring:

- Pyjamas
- Sleeping bag and pillow
- Sleeping mat (if possible)
- Clothes for the morning
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- A teddy (optional)

Arrival time

Friday 26th June : 6.00pm

Collection time

Saturday 27th June:
8.00am



Pizza / ice lolly / popcorn /
juice / movie / breakfast



YEAR 3 COOKERY



WE ARE DELIGHTED TO COOK SEASONAL TARTS IN YEAR 3.
PLEASE CONTRIBUTE £2.00 TOWARDS INGREDIENTS. THANK YOU!

SEASONAL



OAK CLASS TUESDAY 30.06.26 8:45 AM - 12:00 PM
ASH CLASS WEDNESDAY 01.07.26 8:45 AM - 12:00 PM
ELM CLASS THURSDAY 02.07.26 8:45 AM - 12:00 PM