

Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

Year 3/4 Key Stage 2 Newsletter – Summer 2023



*Learning together - enjoying success - aiming high - celebrating difference –
enriching community*

Introduction

Welcome to our regular termly newsletter, specifically developed for Years 3 and 4, and designed to bring you up to date with all that's going on this half term and next. Whether it's curriculum, home learning or after school activities that you're keen to know more about, it's all found here! Also, please look at our class webpages. These are regularly updated with pictures and information about what your children has been engaging in.

Michaela Cousins - Year 3/4 Phase Leader

Curriculum

We are still continuing our shared reading sessions with parents. This remains one of the highlights of our week! The children are able to spend quality time with parents and other family members sharing their reading books. Mrs Brown and I have valued the time after these sessions to catch up with parents and carers about the children's reading and their home learning. We are excited to be continuing these and welcoming you back into our phase. **These sessions happen every Tuesday, 2:45pm until 3:10pm. Please come along!**

During the Spring term, our learning will focus on....

	Year 3	Year 4
Writing	Narrative and Poetry	Traditional Tales and Persuasive Writing
Maths	Number System	Multiplication and number systems
Science	Magnets and Plants	Electricity and living things and their natural habitats
PE	Athletics and Cricket	Athletics and Cricket
History	World War 2	The Ancient Egyptians
Geography	The U.K. and its neighbours	Weather changing
Music	Singing – Bringing Us Together	Singing – Mamma Mis
Computing	Writing a 'Wiki' and handling data	Creating artwork, writing a weather report
Art	Watercolour Painting	Canopic clay jars
DT	Battery Operated Objects	Designing a night light
RE	The Gospel and Stages of Life	The Kingdom of God and Make the World a Better Place
Languages	Language skills through song and games and fun activities.	Language skills through song and games and fun activities, reading and writing.
PSHE	Relationships and Changing Me	Relationships and Changing Me

Home learning

Thank your continued support with home learning. Home learning club is every **Thursday 3:15pm-4:15pm**. Home learning will be given out every Thursday and be due in the following Wednesday. It is important that your child is given the opportunity to carry out their home learning activities at some point during the week, to enhance the learning that takes place in school. If you are finding it difficult to provide that time to your child, perhaps they would benefit from home learning club? If you feel that this would support you, please get in contact with your child's learning leader.

Times Tables

Multiplication is an important part children's success in mathematics. In year 4 children take part in the national multiplication tables check. This test is based on times tables 1-12. In years 3 and 4 the children have access to Times Tables Rock Stars, a fantastic package which allows your child to learn whilst playing. <https://ttrockstars.com/>. Take a look at home or talk to us about this!

After School Activities this term

Computing Club – Monday 3:15pm to 4:15pm

Choir – Monday 3:15pm to 4:15pm

Gardening Club – Monday 3:15pm to 4:15pm

Premier Sport Athletic and Soft Archery – Wednesday 3:15pm to 4:30pm

Home Learning Club - Thursday 3:15pm to 4:15pm

What have we been up to already?

Year 3



Last term, Key Stage 2 participated in a Handball Festival at Newton Abbot College. It was attended by many primary schools from across Newton Abbot. The children participated in lots of different sporting activities. They worked in mixed teams showing amazing sportsmanship and encouragement to all of their team players.



Currently, the Year 3 children are part of a project called Talking Turns. The children have been focusing on oracy and drama to support their creative writing. We have had great fun working with Michael from Paddleboat Theatre Company. He has been inspiring our learning and we are looking forward to continuing to work with him more this term.

In Science, Year 3 have learned about outcome, the children have linked their learning about Henry VIII, creating and presenting them to the rest of the Science, the children will be learning all magnetic materials and creating their



light. As their final learning with their History shadow puppet shows class. This term in about magnets, exploring own magnetic games.

Year 4



In Science, Year 4 have been learning about rocks. The children used their knowledge to create their own fossils. They made salt dough which they then used to create their choice of fossil. There were leaves, bones and dinosaurs remains in some fossils



Year 4 were lucky enough to have artist Patrice Naiambana visit as part of the 'Tunnels of Love' project. Patrice is a drummer and creative writer. He encouraged the children to hear the rhythm of their words through drumming, he then inspired them to use their inference skills on a batik picture. The children created rhythmic sentences describing their lives and personal stories.



West End in Schools visited the school, Year 4 took part in retelling Alice in Wonderland through Dance. The children used their imagination to create difference parts of the story using movement and dance. The end production was amazing!