

# Year 3/4 Spring Newsletter

Welcome back to school and welcome to the spring term!

Spring is always a slightly shorter term, but there is still so much to do! Year 3 and 4 already have lots of things to look forward to this term and we're glad to be sharing these with you.

## Key Dates

- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January – Marvellous Maths Day
  - Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Year 3/4 Open Classroom (Maths)
- Week Beginning 11<sup>th</sup> February – International Week
  - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Learning App Workshop (3.30pm and 6.15pm)
  - Week Beginning 4<sup>th</sup> March – Book Week
  - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March Year 3/4 Gymnastics competition
  - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening
- 2<sup>nd</sup> April Year 4 Production (2pm and 6pm)
  - 4<sup>th</sup> April – Year 4 trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum
- 4<sup>th</sup> April – Year 3 production (2pm and 6pm)

## Important Information

- Children can bring a **healthy** snack, which they keep in their bag/tray, for playtime. A piece of fruit is ideal.
- Please keep encouraging your children to access Times Table Rockstars at home – it is completely free and a great way for them to improve their Mathematical fluency. If your child isn't sure of their username/password, please ask their teacher.
- Year 3/4 Open Classrooms will be held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 and the focus will be Maths. More information will be sent out nearer the time.
- Please ensure your child has the correct P.E kit in schools for their allocated PE days – if you are unsure speak to your child's teacher.

Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning.  
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask your child's class teacher or Mr Sweeney (Team Leader).

Thank you,  
The Year 3/4 Team

### Autumn in Year 3...

Last term in Year 3 we enjoyed exploring the history of St. Ives, Cambridgeshire comparing it with St. Ives Cornwall. The children enjoyed the opportunity to visit the town centre, including The Norris Museum.

In English we began the term learning about hedgehogs through the text 'The Hodgeheg'. Later on we studied traditional tales.

We are pleased with the progress the children have made in using the column addition to add and subtract three digit numbers. Maybe ask your child to show you how we do it at Thorndown?



### It was all happening in Year 4...

Over last term, we wrote incredible historical stories, persuaded others to join the Roman army and discussed whether it was right to enslave others. We loved reading the Iron Man and really began to develop our inference and deduction skills, applying these to lots of different media.

In Maths, we consolidated our knowledge of addition, subtraction and multiplication – we're really proud of what the children have achieved!

Throughout the autumn, we explored what Britain was like before the Roman invasion, investigated how the invasion changed life in Britain and how it has influenced life today. Alongside this, we set up our own museum exhibits from our own archaeological findings, all whilst dressed in Roman clothing and trying Italian food! Burwell house, was of course, another fantastic experience last term.



