

Bottisham Community Primary School



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Year 3/4 Autumn Newsletter

Hello Year 3/4 parents,

Welcome to the Autumn term! Are you glad to be back in routine? We hope the children enjoy being back at school. Most of what we would like to share is on our topic web for the term, so please refer to that with all the learning that will take place. Our topic theme this term is history based, delving into the life and times of the Ancient Egyptians. On the topic web you will find key objectives that will be taught in year 3 and year 4 for all subjects.

What should you expect and when?

We'll ease the class into routine and feedback any concerns but we tend to find they settle and adapt quite quickly. Your child will come home with a home school journal (HSJ) soon with all the log ins they will need for the learning programmes we use each week. The HSJ is a great way of communicating to us any messages- how they are getting on with their reading at home, if they're upset about something/excited about something etc!

We will sign these off on a Friday each week.

TOP TIP: Hopefully they'll tell you how their first few days go. If they're not too forthcoming (and you want to hear about what your child got up to at school) play 'school day true or false'. Get them to tell you 1 truth and 1 lie about their day, then YOU have to guess which one is which! Or...bribe them with a snack 😊

Homework will be set on Google Classroom each Friday and will need to be 'turned in' by the following Wednesday. A separate homework sheet will be making its way to you next week with everything you need to know and what to expect each week. Their homework *this* week is to get back into sensible bedtime routines (we are all parents so we know about the summer late nights!).

PE will be on Wednesdays and Fridays for Elm & Tuesdays and Wednesdays for Birch and Cedar.

Children will be getting changed **at school** this academic year, so PE kits should be kept on pegs. We will send them home every few weeks for a clean! *They will need a* full named PE kit: shorts, jogging bottoms, plain white t-shirt and comfortable trainers. No football kits please.

Break time is at 10:30-10:50 and lunchtime is at 12:30-13:30. We are so pleased that the children will be able to eat in the hall for the first time in quite a while! Please provide a healthy snack for break time.

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What needs to be encouraged each day?

For our Year 4s, they will be used to our routines but it's always worth giving a few reminders. A pencil case is not necessary as all stationery is provided. All children should be encouraged to:

- walk into the classroom independently
- put HSJs on the teacher's desk
- hang coats up, look after any other belongings in their trays, put water bottles in the class tray.
- change shoes
- wash hands
- read the interactive whiteboard to check what they need for the first lesson.

What will happen about reading?

We will expect year 4 children to write what they have read in their HSJ two or three times weekly. Parents will need to do this for the year 3s. HPs (housepoints) will be given for children who consistently record reading each week. Children can bring in a reading book from home which will be their responsibility, but they will be given time to choose a book from our Accelerator Reader book area too. The children will be given a reading range number to help them choose a suitable level.

How is behaviour monitored?

We love giving out rewards like house points for wonderful traits we spot like acts of kindness and a super effort in a child's work. We use a traffic light system, whereby children begin on green and may have to be moved to an amber or red if they do not follow classroom rules. Where they reach a 3rd warning (red) they lose 5 minutes off their golden time. Golden Time is 25 minutes of 'free play' time for all children on a Friday afternoon.

That's all you need to know for now! Much of the communication you will experience will be via Google Classroom, by email or telephone.

We can be easily reached for any day to day queries via the HSJ or by email:

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We look forward to teaching your children!

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