

YEAR 3/4 NEWS

Stone Age to iron Age

Dear Parents and Carers, A really warm welcome to our Year 3/4 Parents and Carers at Wild Bank Primary! After a long restful summer, it's been great to get back into routine and working with children.

English

This half term's English unit is based on a fiction story 'How to Train your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell.

This story is set during the Viking times about a young boy called Hiccup. Hiccup is from the Isle of Berk where fighting dragons is the way of life. His progressive views and weird sense of humour make him a misfit; despite the fact his father is the Chief of the clan. Hiccup has to prove himself as a true Viking.

The children will have opportunities to take part in a range of activities, such as role play, writing dialogues, writing a diary entry and an informal letter.

History

We will be exploring one of the earliest periods of history. This period in Britain generally refers to the time before written records began. It begins when the earliest hunter-gatherers came to Britain from Europe around 450,000 BC and ends with the invasion of the Romans in AD 43.

Maths

Year 3 and 4 will be taught separately for maths lessons.

This half term Year 3 will:

- Add & subtract in 10s, 100s
- Spot patterns
- Add 10s and 100s across
- Subtract 1s across 10s
- Multiplication equal groups Arrays

This half term Year 4 will:

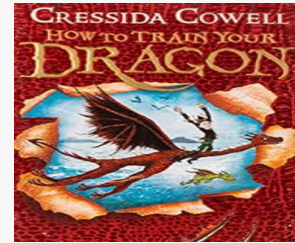
- Add & subtract in 10s, 100s 1000s
- Add & Subtract 4 digits with no exchange
- Add 4 digit number with exchange
- Subtract from a 4 digit number
- Introduction to finding an Area
- Ongoing multiplication facts 2s,3,4s,5, 6s.

Science- Year 3/4 – Sound

In this unit we will find out about how vibrations cause sounds and how sounds travel, as well as how sounds can change pitch and loudness.

The children will learn about how sounds are made, carrying out demonstrations of vibrations, and completing a sound survey of their school.

They will have the opportunity to make a string telephone, and will use this to investigate how sounds change over distance and through different materials. The children will work scientifically and collaboratively to investigate the best material for soundproofing, in the context of making a music studio quieter. Finally, they will demonstrate their learning from the whole unit by designing and creating their own musical instrument that will play high, low, loud and quiet sounds.



We will be reading 'How to Train Your Dragon'

Reading

Reading is extremely important for expanding your child's vocabulary. Please make sure your child is reading at home a minimum of three times a week and the reading record is signed by an adult. This is a part of your child's homework.

PE

Our PE day is Thursday and Friday ALL children must come to school in PE kits on these two days. Year 4 will be going swimming on Wednesday- An email will follow with more details.

Computing

The children will learn how to stay safe on the internet and how to protect themselves from online identity theft. We will be aiming to improve children's well-being by discussing the importance of balancing game/screen time with other aspects of our lives.

In **music** the children will be given the opportunity to learn about the language of music through playing glockenspiel. The learning will focus on exploring and developing playing skills.

Thank you for all of your support and if you have any questions please ask.

Mrs Mistry and Miss Scott