



Combe Martin School



Class 3 and 4 Newsletter Summer Term 2022

Welcome back to school and we hope you all had a great Easter break and didn't eat too much chocolate! We have a full and exciting term of events and we are sure that the children will enjoy all the things we have planned! The organisation of the two classes will continue in the same way as last term with Miss Lewis teaching class 3 and Miss Challacombe teaching Class 4. Mrs Railston will work across the two classes and Mrs Mortlock will teach music to both classes. We also plan opportunities for the two classes to work collaboratively. This term we will continue to send Maths and English books home weekly, this is a great opportunity for you to have a conversation with your child about their learning!

Character Education and Super Learners

We will be continuing our work on character, thinking about how to become inspiring change makers. We have been very impressed with how well the children in Classes 3 and 4 can talk about character, we hope you have started to notice this at home too. If there are times when you notice your children using character virtues please let their class teacher know and we will celebrate them in school!

We will be exploring different character virtues throughout the term starting with **courtesy, curiosity and cooperation**. We have weekly assemblies on Mondays linked to our virtues and we will be exploring themes within class too. On Fridays we have our Celebration Assemblies where we celebrate those children who have been caught using character virtues during the week!

Topic



Our topic for the first half term is 'Emperors and Empires'. This project teaches children about the history and structure of ancient Rome and the Roman Empire, including a detailed exploration of the Romanisation of Britain.

Help your child prepare for their project

Talk about what they already know about the Romans, perhaps they have read Horrible History books or magazines? We will share a knowledge organiser with you and the children which will give an overview of the topic.

English

We will be covering a range of text types in our English work, including Poetry, Fiction and Non-Fiction, some of this will be linked to our topic. We will continue to learn model texts and hope that the children can share their learning with you at home by showing you the texts we learn with actions. This approach to the teaching of writing is one which we use throughout the school and its main objective is that when the children learn texts they are more able to use and adapt the language of the learnt text in their own writing. We have been really pleased with the results of this approach, we can see the impact it is having on the children's writing.

As well as reading their independent reading books that they bring home, children will be participating in regular group reading sessions lead by a teacher.



Maths



The children will be working on a range of mathematics this term. We will continue to revisit the maths learning which we have already covered during the Autumn and Spring Terms on Place Value, Addition and Subtraction and Multiplication and Division. One way in which we give the children practise of these skills is in our Morning Activities before registration so it is really important that the children try their best at these activities.

You can continue to support your child by practising maths at home, using numbers in many situations, for example, telling the time, counting, money and learning times tables.

By the end of Year 3 the National Curriculum states that children should know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables (this is expected at the end of Year 2) and their 3, 4 and 8 times tables. By the end of Year 4 children are expected to know all their times tables up to 12x12. We will be continuing to practise and learn our times tables and the chromebooks are an ideal way for the children to practise their tables at home. Don't forget these websites can help:

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

<http://primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/maths/timestable/interactive.htm>

Multiplication Check

In June this year all Year 4 children in the country are required to take a Multiplication Check. This will take the form of an online check to determine whether year 4 pupils can fluently recall their multiplication tables. The check will assess whether the children can **quickly** recall times table facts – in the practise check last year children had approximately 7 seconds to answer each question. Please help your child practise their times tables facts!

P.E.

Class 3 will continue to have PE sessions on Mondays. For the first half term Class 4 will have PE on Fridays.

Please ensure that the children wear their PE kits to school on PE days.

The children's PE kit should include: appropriate trainers, black shorts/jogging bottoms, white T-shirt, sweatshirts and a clean pair of socks. A thin windproof coat is also useful as even though it is the Summer we cannot rely on good weather! Please make sure that your child's name is in all their kit.



Reading

Turn it off and
READ A BOOK

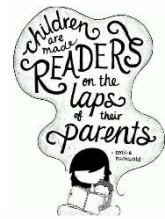


As you know, at Combe Martin we place a huge value on the importance of reading and we thank you for your support with this. Reading is an essential life skill which underpins all our work at school. It is a school expectation that all children read at home **daily** with parents and make a note of it in the Blue Love Reading books. It is worth remembering that this reading can take many forms – for example, looking at a magazine or newspaper together, finding something out on the internet and of course sharing and talking about a good book! Please encourage your children to use the Love Reading books for more than just writing in what pages of a book they have read, we want to see them using them to show their enjoyment of reading and their wide range of reading outside school. For example, they can record their thoughts about what they are reading or draw a picture in response to it, stick in an

interesting magazine article, writing a list of everything they have read during a day/week etc. Please encourage the children to continue using these books to show their enjoyment of reading and their wide range of reading outside school!

Even when children are already fluent readers we can still help them to develop their reading skills. The best way is to continue to share books with your child, regularly listening to them read, sometimes reading to or with them, but also discussing books read in increasing depth. Most importantly, we want all the children to develop a 'love for reading', we will be sharing a range of texts with them in class and hope they will also widen their reading choices out of school and share them with us!

Each week the children have a Reading Task to complete at home which will be linked to the work which we have done during their Guided Reading sessions – please remember to check in the Love Reading books for these tasks and support your child in completing them, we will also continue to post these tasks in Google Classroom. These Reading Tasks should be completed in the blue Love Reading books or on Google Classroom. We check the Love Reading books on a weekly basis.



Home Learning

Look out for this term's Home Learning grid, linked to our topics – we are looking forward to seeing the children's creativity in these tasks!



General Information

We encourage the children to be independent and it is their responsibility to bring their Love Reading Books and reading books in on a daily basis. Each morning there will be a registration activity ready for children to work on when they come in to the classroom, please remind them to have a go at their morning task when you drop them off at school!

Weather



As it is the Summer term and we hope for some lovely weather please remember to send children to school with hats and please apply all day sun cream before school. In warm weather it is even more important than usual to keep hydrated so please send children to school with a **water bottle** which they may keep in the classroom, ideally the water bottles should be plastic and have a 'push down pull up top' (in case of spills). The weather can be changeable so we do ask that children continue to bring coats into school in case of rain!

If you have any questions or would like to find out more about our work this term, please do come and see us, contact us through the home school diary, via Class Dojo or through email:

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Here's to an enjoyable, fun filled and exciting Summer Term!



