



Year 3 and 4

Autumn Term

SEPTEMBER 2019

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Key Dates

4th September—
Children back to
school.

6th September—
Lucy's Blue Day,
dress up day. All chil-
dren can wear blue to
school.

The Locksmiths Cot-
tage.
Class 7— Tue 10th
September.
Class 8— Mon 9th
September.

Class 9 and 10-
Wroxeter— 18th Sep-
tember.

7th October—World
Science Week.

28th October to 1st
November—Half
term.

Theatre— David Wal-
liams - 21st Novem-
ber.

Year 3- Stone Age
Experience -14th
January 2020

Welcome back Year 3 and 4!

Firstly, can we wish the parents and children in Year 3 a huge, warm welcome from the phase and welcome back Year 4 for another fantastic year of learning. It was fantastic meeting the children in the 'move through days' and we hope that the children are as excited as we are for the year ahead.

You will have a chance to come and meet the teachers and ask any questions that you may have at our 'Meet the Teacher' session on Wednesday 11th September at 3:30. It will a great opportunity for us to share our expectations for the coming year and answer any questions that you may have.

Attendance and punctuality

At Barcroft good attendance and punctuality is recognised and celebrated as attendance and punctuality is vital to a child's learning. Every day of missed school will have an impact on your child's learning. Our school day starts at 8:50 and guided reading starts promptly at 9:00. If your child is late, there may be an impact on your child's progress in this area.

This term, Year 3 will be comparing historical sources to explore the past and present history of Willenhall by completing a local history study. They will be comparing '*Willenhall to Venice*' making comparisons with canals as a transport system in the West Midlands to canals in Venice.

Year 4, this term will also have a history focus and will be working on their topic of the Roman Empire, assessing the impact on

Uniform

Please make sure that your child is wearing full school uniform when attending school. This includes uniform for PE.

PE

PE day is every Monday for Year 3 and every Thursday for Year 4. Please bring your child's PE kit on a Monday; it can be left at school and taken home on a Friday (to be returned again the following Monday). The PE kit consists of black shorts, a white t-shirt, black pumps for indoor activities and trainers for outdoor wear.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Wednesday each week and will be due in on the following Monday. It will include English, maths, and at times, other curriculum areas including research. Homework will include reading and reading books will be issued on a Wednesday and should be brought back to exchange on a Monday.

Reading is such an important skill and is a school focus. We ask you to support your child by reading for 5-10 minutes each

day at home. Please encourage your child to use Bug club at home.

Spelling

Spelling remains a key focus for the phase this year and it is essential that children can use spelling rules and apply these in their written work. Reading frequently will help with this, but all children have access to an app called Spelling Shed. Here, they have access to a range of spellings through games and activities, where they can learn common words and spelling strategies.

Times tables

In 2020, there will be a mandatory times tables test in Year 4. The Year 4s have been busy preparing for this and have shown a huge commitment to learning their times tables through fun means such as TT Rockstars. All children can access this at home and again we would ask that the use of this app is encouraged at home.

MarvellousMe and Emails

We will continue to send messages and communicate with parents through 'MarvellousMe' App and Emails.

What are we learning?

Britain both in the past and today. Children will experience how a Roman may have lived by visiting a Roman villa.

Year 3 Trips

The Locksmiths Cottage.
Theatre— David Walliams
Stone Age Experience
Birmingham Museum

Year 4 Trips

Wroxeter
Theatre— David Walliams
RAF Cosford
Harry Potter.

All trips will be on Parent Pay for your information and to allow payment of these items over the school year with advanced notice.

Here to help!

Your children are our top priority. Please talk to us if you have any questions or queries.

Mrs Edwards and the
Year 3 and 4 team.