



Year 3/4 Newsletter

Summer Term 2 2024/25



We hope that you all had a lovely half term break!
This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead.
If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

The Year 3/4 Team:

3NI	Christian Booth with Syleena Samuels
3LS	Lydia Saunders with Gianni James
4GS	Ghislaine Seaton
4BG	Josie Blake/Vikki Gale
34BW	Sheryl Burton/Leanne Witchell

Geography - South America

To end our year, we will continue with some fieldwork in our own local area and will then be looking at South America in order to build up to our exciting carnival in July. We will study the physical and human geography of south America (including time-zones and biomes) and then will focus on life in Brazil in comparison to the UK. Finally, we will look at the impact of climate change on South America.



To help us prepare for Carnival, please could children bring in a clean plastic bottle or other plastic container which we could use to create shakers for the parade. Thank you!

English – The Legend of Sally Jones

Our English this term will centre around the incredible book, 'The Legend of Sally Jones' by Jacob Wegelius, a story about a gorilla like no other! Inspired by the adventures she has we'll be writing diary entries, alternative endings, additional chapters as well as creating 'messages in bottles' and information reports about the Bornean rainforest.



Reading – One of the most effective ways you can support your child with their academic progress and development is through reading together regularly. Your child will receive a book from school which they should look after, and bring into school each day.

Children should be reading at home each day, with an adult, for 20 minutes.
Please sign your child's reading record each day to show they are reading daily and so they can earn rewards in school. Please note, there is a £5 charge for lost books.

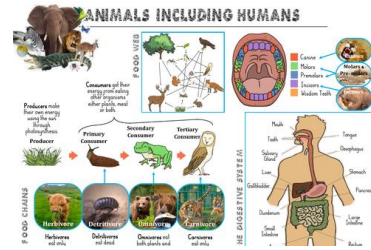


Maths – This term we will be focusing on money, time, shape and statistics in Years 3 and 4. Please talk about the time with your child at home, for example asking them how long it takes to walk to school; what time they normally wake up / go to bed, what activities they do in the morning, afternoon, evening etc. It would also be great to show them a digital and analogue clock or watch and discuss these. You can support your child at home by completing the homework they receive each Friday and practising times tables.



Don't forget to log on to Times Tables Rockstars <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>

Science – This half term we will continue to focus on *Animals Including Humans*. The children will learn about food groups and a healthy diet and will study the musculoskeletal system. They will find out how it provides the body with form, support, stability, and movement. We will also make comparisons with non-human animals and carry out sorting and classifying activities.



R.E – This half term our Big Question in RE is ***How and why do Hindus worship at home and in the mandir?*** We will learn about how Hindus express their beliefs and the places in which they worship. We will consider how this relates to a range of different religious and non-religious beliefs.

P.E – In PE this half term we will be focusing on athletics and will also be looking at setting our own personal challenges.

All children **must** wear their PE kit into school on the specified days. PE kit should consist of plain navy (black if necessary) bottoms (leggings, shorts or tracksuit bottoms), a white school t-shirt or gem house t-shirt and trainers. This should be worn with a school jumper or cardigan.

3NI	Monday	Thursday
3LS	Monday	Thursday
34BW	Tuesday	Friday
4BG	Tuesday	Wednesday
4GS	Monday	Wednesday

PSHE - This half term, we will be focusing on Relationships and Sex Education by learning about the changes we may experience during puberty.

SPANISH – In Year 3 we will be looking at '*I can...*'. In Year 4 we will be looking at '*Home*'.

Music - This half term, we will be continuing to work with Duncan to develop our singing, composition and performance skills.



Computing – In computing this half term, we will explore the concept of repetition in programming using the Scratch environment. We will also continue our important work on online safety.

On behalf of the Year 3/4 team, we look forward to working with you this half term.
Thank you in advance for your support and please do contact your class teacher if you have any questions.

Over the term we will be sharing examples of the work your children will be doing in class on our year group webpage: <https://www.thegemfederation.co.uk/bessemmer-primary/learning-hub/classes/>