

Dear Year 3 and 4 Parents,

Welcome back to the Spring Term! Here is a brief outline of some of the exciting activities we have planned for the term:

English – This term we shall be looking at adventure and mystery stories, so any books you have with such themes, please encourage your child to read them with you. There will also be opportunities for children to perform poems.

Maths – This term we are focusing particularly on the methods of calculation. We are encouraging children to use efficient methods using a given model. Please feel free to look on our website at Saltergate Junior's Calculation Pathway for further information.

Science – We are covering 2 topics during the Spring Term. Initially we will be investigating the properties of materials and after that will be focusing on Electricity.

This term we are starting a new topic 'The Victorians'. As this topic is closer to home, we hope to draw inspiration from the surrounding areas of Harrogate and Ripon.

Humanities – We shall be finding out about the history and geography of the Victorian era, looking at how it influenced the lives of everyday people, both locally and nationally. We will also be comparing the lives of rich and poor Victorians and finding out about what life was like for Victorian children and how education has changed. We are organising a Victorian School Day for **Thursday 9th February**, further details will follow shortly.

Art – The children will investigate 'Portraying Relationships' in which they will study the work of famous Victorian artists.

French – This term children will be learning animal names and continuing to develop their knowledge of fruit, vegetables, greetings and numbers.

R.E. – The Muslim faith will be looked at in a topic called 'The Muslim Family'. There will also be a unit about Easter.

P.E. – This term children will need both an outdoor kit and an indoor kit. These should include trainers and tracksuit bottoms; dark shorts, a white t-shirt and pumps. Girls (or boys!) with hair at shoulder length or longer will need to make sure it is tied up for PE lessons. Class 1 will be swimming on Tuesdays.

PSHCE – The PSHCE theme we will be following is 'Going for Goals'

Special Message to Parents

You can help your child in year 3/4 by:

- Ensuring that all their possessions, especially sweatshirt, pumps, coats, PE kits and bags are named and easily identifiable. Please check these regularly as the names often fade when washed.
- Listening to them read and encouraging them to read three times a week.
- Practising numeracy skills in a friendly and informal way – number games, mental arithmetic, table facts and number bonds to 10 and 20 (linked to KIRF targets when appropriate)
- Coming and asking if you, or your child, have any worries however small.
- Ensuring your child brings in a water bottle, which will keep them hydrated (and alert!) throughout the day.

We look forward to spending this term with your child.

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