



Welcome to Year 3/4!



Dear parent/carer,

It's been lovely to welcome the children back and to get to know one another. Our new topic is based on the enquiry question 'What makes a hero?' The children have been thinking about what they would like to learn and have come up with some great questions. We will explore answering these throughout the school year.

Language, Literacy and Communication

We will be practising our oracy skills by using talk to explain our thinking and findings. We will be developing our reading skills by practising skimming and scanning for information using fiction and non-fiction texts. We will also look at building our reading for pleasure through class texts. Our writing focuses will include poetry and newspaper articles. We will continue to use Letters and Sounds and No-Nonsense Spelling schemes to support our spelling development.

Maths and Numeracy

We will look at place value, including thousands, hundreds, tens and units as well as addition, subtraction, multiplication and division strategies linked to real life problems. Each week we will have a go at completing a Times Table Club level and practise our multiplications on Sumdog. In addition to this, we will begin to look at mathematical reasoning questions whilst relating it to real-life contexts.

Science and Technology

Activities will be based around the children's questions connected to animals. We look at how animals are adapted to their environments and how animals can use their qualities to be heroes. During our DCF sessions, we will continue to use a resource called the Digital Den. This will help us with learning about data and communication.

Humanities

In our Humanities sessions, we will be looking at values through different periods in time and how these have changed. We will conduct research studies on key individuals seeking to answer our query: What makes a hero? We will compare and contrast cultures, continents and countries of the world. In R.E, we will investigate Hinduism, looking at beliefs and festivals.

Expressive Arts

In our Expressive Arts sessions, we will be studying different genres of Art including Pointillism and the works of artists within this movement. We will also have chance to explore role-play to aid our other areas of learning. We are very lucky to have visitors scheduled to deliver some musical performances to us and will have chance to take part ourselves!

Health and Wellbeing

In our Health and Wellbeing PE sessions during the Autumn Term we will be developing our hockey skills. We will be starting off with the rules of hockey and will build our way up to playing a full game of hockey with our peers.

We will also be closely following the Rugby World Cup. This term, we will have swimming sessions (see below for details) We are a KiVa school (KiVa is an antibullying programme) and we will complete monthly KiVa sessions.

Reading and Spelling

Reading at home is very important and children need to read for at least 20 minutes every day at home. You can access books through Giglets www.giglets.com which your child uses in school and has been given login details for. You can also read with your child using the online Oxford Owl reading scheme at www.oxfordowl.co.uk/. Details for Oxford Owl will be sent shortly. You can record your child's reading at home in their Reading Record Book. This will also show you any words they need to practise. The children will work on weekly spelling patterns and sounds in school; they should practice these spellings at home weekly using Sumdog: www.sumdog.com.

P.E and Swimming

The children will be participating in swimming sessions this term. In P.E sessions, they will focus on Hockey and team building games. On the swimming days listed below, your child will need their swimming costume/trunks and towel in a labelled bag. On the P.E days, your child must wear their PE kit. This could include a hoody/jumper and joggers during the colder weather.

Here's to a happy and productive term!
Miss Brighthouse, Miss Kenny and Miss Scott