



# Year 3 & 4 Curriculum News



## Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a relaxing Christmas and New Year. It's lovely to have everyone back in school, enthused about their Europe theme! The optional Home Learning task was popular: we've had a huge range of items brought in for our displays and we thank you for your cooperation with this. We believe the partnership between parents, children and school is a high priority to us and we enjoy seeing you each day in a morning and afternoon. Please feel free to pop and speak to us if you have any questions.

## Eurovision

The staff are incredibly excited to be doing Eurovision with Year 3/4 this term. We can't wait to find out which country will win! Parents will be invited in to see this spectacular event on the afternoon of Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Bring along your singing voices and join in the fun!



## Europe morning

On the morning of Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February, the children will be celebrating all things Europe through learning about food, languages, currency, songs/music, stories and sports/hobbies in 6 different European countries. Mrs Mawe has even kindly offered to cook a whole school European lunch to end the occasion. How lucky are we! Snails, anyone?!



## Eden camp

As part of our history work on World War 2, the children are going on an exciting and engaging trip to Eden Camp. The immersive displays bring history to life, allowing the pupils (and adults!) to experience the sights, sounds and smells of life on the Home Front and the Front Line. They'll learn so much about what it was like during the war and their learning will become meaningful and real through interactive sessions. The buildings and grounds are like an original WWII Prisoner of War Camp and the museum offers a broad insight into all aspects of the social and military history of WWII.



## Spellings and Reading

Please ensure your child brings their pupil planner into school every day. It is important that they are available for extra practice, individual reading opportunities and guided reading. Sometimes morning activities are linked to their spellings or reading.

Please continue to encourage your child to practise their spellings regularly and to read at least four times per week. Little and often is better for embedding spellings. Please record all reading, including books other than school books, in your child's pupil planner, your child can also do this themselves.

## Home Learning

We have set Home Learning tasks linked to our Europe theme and Safer Internet Day for the children to complete. These should take approximately 30 minutes and may require your assistance with certain aspects of them - research, for example. The children learn the skill of note taking during a variety of lessons in school so that they can re-write what they read online in their own words. We welcome your assistance with this when completing any activities that require research. We always welcome feedback from parents and have tweaked some of the types of activities based on some comments we have already received so thank you.

### Outdoor lessons

The children are thoroughly enjoying their outdoor lessons and look forward to them each week. Building campfires has been a particular favourite! All of Year 3/4 will take part in outdoor lessons on a Wednesday. Therefore, it is crucial that they have weather appropriate clothing. On the occasions that they will need certain items, a letter will be sent out to advise you of these. We can't wait to do shelter building with them!



### Fruit and water bottles

If you would like your child to have a piece of fruit at playtime, please send it with your child in a morning. KS2 children are not able to take the fruit from KS1. It is important for children to drink water throughout the day. Please remember to send your child with a full bottle of water each morning.



### PE and Games

This term, these will usually take place on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday due to some training from rugby and cricket coaches that Year 3/4 are taking part in. However, due to weather and other activities within school, this can change occasionally. Therefore, please ensure your child has their full indoor and outdoor kit with them each day. These can go home on a Friday to be washed ready for the next week.

