



Year 3 and 4 Newsletter Spring Term 2020



Dear parents and carers,

We would like to wish you a wonderful break and very happy 2020. We have an exciting Spring Term ahead.

Our main learning theme in the Spring Term is geography - **What is Special About Manchester?** Please find attached the '**Knowledge Organiser**' and a '**Home Learning Challenge**' to help your child with some prior learning. Below the team have listed all the other subject areas we will cover and ways you can become involved in your child's learning.

<p style="text-align: center;">Geography</p> <p><i>What Makes Manchester Special?</i></p> <p>What do you like about living in MANCHESTER? Can you list some reasons to explain why Manchester is famous?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Science</p> <p>What uses electricity in your home? Make a list.</p> <p>How many sources of light can you find in your home?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Design and Technology –</p> <p><i>Design and make a working torch</i></p> <p>Who invented the torch? What does a torch need to produce light? Bring a torch to school and share with your class?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Computing</p> <p><i>Scratch</i></p> <p>Can I write an algorithm for a simple computer programme?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PE</p> <p>Outdoor games – Invasion games Gym – stretching and curling Dance – Electricity</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RE</p> <p>Why are festivals important to religious communities? How do you celebrate special times?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Art</p> <p><i>Sketching/painting with a focus on Manchester Buildings</i></p> <p>Choose a part of your house – inside or out to practice sketching. You will only need a pencil.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Music</p> <p>Year 3 – playing the recorder and music composition</p> <p>Year 4 enjoy Steel Pans African Drumming Guitar</p> <p>Manchester's influence on music.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mandarin</p> <p>The children will be learning Mandarin on Friday afternoons.</p> <hr/> <p>PSCHE Why is living in a community helpful?</p>

SWIMMING

Miss Gallienne's class will have weekly **swimming lessons** at Withington Baths for the Autumn Term, every Friday afternoon. The lessons will begin on Friday 10th January. The children will be supervised by Mrs Huck, Mrs Webster and Miss Wilson. Girls will need a swimming costume and a swimming hat. Boys need swimming trunks, not swimming shorts. Jewellery should not be worn.

PE – Please make sure your child has a PE kit in school on their PE days. The kit consists of a white T Shirt, black shorts, pumps or trainers. No jewellery should be worn on a PE day and long hair should be tied up. The children's PE kits can remain in school for the first half term.

	Mrs Davies	Miss Gallienne	Miss Fleet
Outdoor games	Tuesday	Thursday	Wednesday
Gym	Thursday	Wednesday	Thursday
Dance	Wednesday		Friday

HOMELEARNING

The 3 and 4 team will be looking forward to the children producing some interesting contributions to the Year 3 and 4 Study Spot for the Spring term!

Maths Home learning

Maths is given out on **Wednesday** and returned by **Friday**.

English Home learning

English is given out on **Friday** and returned by **Monday**.

Reading – please encourage your child to read for at least ten minutes every day.

Weekly **spelling lists** are sent home every Monday

You are welcome to visit your child's classroom every **Friday at 8.45** to see their work. If you have any concerns or questions please make an appointment at the office to see the class teacher or Miss Power.

Many Thanks
Year 3 and 4 Team