

Lower School In Focus Newsletter



Mrs M Davies, Mrs K Davies, Mr Spencer, Mrs Dempster, Mrs Lockwood, Miss Crisp, Mrs Harris, Mrs Robery



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Welcome!

A big welcome to all the new Year 3 children and parents and a warm welcome back to our Year 4's. It has been great to see so many of you on the playground and I am happy to have seen and heard about how well Year 4 have been settling into their new lessons. Year 3 have worked incredibly hard over the last couple of weeks and are settling well into life at Pickhurst Academy.

Mrs M Davies
Head of Lower School

Communication

At Pickhurst Academy we constantly work hard to keep you up to date and ensure we have open communication lines.

If you would like to send the teacher a message, please send an email to office @pickhurst.com. If you prefer to hand write a message please write this in your child's homework diary and the teacher will respond to this directly.

Finally, if you would like to directly speak to the teacher please remember that time before school is very limited and it is a lot easier for the teacher to speak to you after school.

Who are we?

This year we have an amazingly supportive and hard working team in Year 3 and 4 who are raring to support your child's learning. The staff are:

Class teachers:

Mr Finch (4F and Head of Year 4), Miss Peeters (4P), Miss Chute (4C) and Mr Winkless (4W). Mrs M Davies (3D and Head of Lower School), Mrs Lockwood (3L), Miss Crisp (3C) and Mrs Dempster (3DS and Assistant headteacher), Mrs K Davies (3DS and Head of Year 3) working alongside Mr Spencer (3DS).

Support staff:

Mrs Rawlins (Year 4), Mrs Bracey (Year 4), Mrs Larkin (Year 4), Mrs Harris (Year 3), Mrs Robery (Year 3), Ms Allen (Year 3) and Mrs Robinson (Year 3).



Special Dates

22nd September – Meet the teacher 3:30-5:45pm

23rd September – Dress up as a famous scientist day

30th September – MacMillan Coffee Morning 9:00am onwards & Happy Feet Day

7th October – Year 3 / 4 Harvest Assembly – 9:15am

21st October – Break up for half term

31st October – Return after half term

Autumn Term 1 topics

English

Year 3 – Studying “Midas”, learning about the features of warning stories and looking in particular at how characterisation is used to improve writing.

Year 4 – Studying “The Mystery of the Hare and the Moon,” learning about the features of traditional tales and how adverbs are used to improve writing.

Maths

Year 3 – Number and place value, addition and subtraction methods, properties of shape, multiplication and division, fractions and measurements including mass.

Year 4 – Mental and written forms of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, reflecting 2D shapes and symmetry.

Science

Year 3 – “Forces and Magnets,” investigating pushes and pulls, comparing how things move on different surfaces, magnetic forces including their varying amounts of pull and the poles on a magnet.

Year 4 – “Sound,” investigating where sound comes from, what it is and the different types of sound.

IPC

Year 3 – “Generation Game,” this topic gives the children a chance to learn about growing older and how to take care of both themselves and others regardless of age.

Year 4 – “Do you live around here?” This topic gives the children a real insight into how people live across the World, from Bromley to the Arctic.

Reminders

Please ensure your child has named PE kit, an art overall, their reading book, reading record and homework diary in school at all times.

Also, it has been great to see the Year 3 children embrace their healthy snack option during first play by bringing in either a piece of fruit or vegetable, well done!

Rewards and Recognition

In Year 3 and 4 we love to encourage your child in every area of their school experience. We have found that they benefit greatly from a variety of reward systems. These include Dojo, house and golden points. So feel free to quiz your child about what points they have been awarded that day!

Homework

Year 3 – On Wednesday every week the children will be given spellings to learn with spelling sentences to write and a MyMaths task online. We recommend that children spend about 30 minutes on their homework and this will be due in on the Monday of each week.

Year 4 - On Friday every week the children will be given a Maths worksheet and English task to complete and return by the following Wednesday. This will be linked to what they have been learning about that week in the Maths and English lessons.

In addition, to this for both year groups, children should be encouraged to read every day for a minimum of 10 minutes as this will really make a difference to their progress. Finally encourage your child to learn their times tables,