

Autumn Term 2 topics

English

Year 3 – Studying "How to Trap a Stone Giant", learning about the features of instructions and looking in particular at how imperative verbs are used to improve writing. Then we will be moving onto "Why is the Sky so High," learning about the features of traditional tales and looking in particular at story openings and endings.

Year 4 – Studying a suspense story using 'Zelda Claw' by Pie Corbett. We will be learning to use adverbials and conjunctions.

Maths

Year 3 – Number and place value, fractions, measurement (mass), addition and subtraction and angles.

Year 4 – Mental and written forms of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, measurement (mass and time).

Science

Year 3 – "Animals Including Humans" investigating how animals, including humans need the right types and amount of nutrition to survive. They will also recognise how they cannot make their own food and they get nutrition from what they eat.

Year 4 – "States of Matter" investigating the different states of matter and the difference in particle behaviour.

IPC

Year 3 – "Active Planet," this topic gives the children a chance to learn that tectonic plates form the Earth's crust and these are always moving. They will recognise that even the smallest movement can cause huge earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunamis that devastate communities across wide areas.

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.

Reminder

Beginning this half term the classrooms will be open for the children to arrive from 8:30am to 8:50am. The children will need to walk across the playground to the year group entrance door and the school day will begin as usual at 8:50am.

Class Dojo

Please be aware that the messenger service on the app will not be used by teachers as a way of communication with parents and carers as this is the school policy. We are more than happy to receive messages with reminders or information about your child, however, we are unable to reply to these messages directly.

Uniform

At the end of Autumn 1 half term, there were a large number of items of uniform left at school without names. Please ensure that all items of clothing are labelled to enable us to return lost property to the correct child.

Children must wear a PE kit to take part in all PE lessons. Please ensure that your child keeps their kit in school throughout the half term to avoid them missing out.

Note for Year 4 Parents

This half term we will be informing the parents who will be required to help at PGL in May 2017. Thank you to all of those who have volunteered – both the staff and pupils are very grateful for the generous offer of your time – without your support the trip would not be able to go ahead.

Lower School In Focus

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Welcome!

Welcome back after a very busy and enjoyable half term and I hope you all had a great half term break! In the first term the Year 3 and 4 children worked very hard and the Year 3 children settled in fantastically to their new routines in the Academy. It was amazing to see how well the Year 3 children know their daily routines at Pickhurst Academy by writing very detailed and clear instructions in class.

Mrs M Davies

Bug Club

For those of you who are new to Bug Club, it is a powerful whole school reading programme which is available online.

Each child will have an individual login with a personalised username and password. We use this scheme because it offers a wide variety of books, with popular characters who the children know and love and quizzes, games and rewards which spark enthusiasm and make reading more fun.

We would request that you encourage your child to read at home each night, wherever possible, in order to make good progress. Also, even though your child may be reading by themselves at this stage you can make a huge difference to their comprehension skills by asking questions which challenge their understanding of what they have read. If you find it hard to think of questions to ask your child about the book they are reading there is great reading app called "Booked" which offers great support.

If you experience any problems logging in to the scheme online please do not hesitate to let your child's class teacher know and we will do our best to resolve any issues.

Parents Evening

This year for the first time we are using an "online booking system" which enables you to choose the time slot that will best suit you to visit the teacher.

You will need to ensure that you have booked three 5 minute slots. These slots will include one for your child's: form tutor, English teacher and Maths teacher.

Appointments can be booked at:
pickhurst.parentseveningsystem.co.uk

The dates for the Year 3 and 4 Parents Evening are:

- Monday 7th November until 5:30pm
- Tuesday 8th November until 5:30pm
- Thursday 10th November until 7:00pm

Special Dates

7th November – Year 3 and 4 parents evening until 5:30pm

8th November – Year 3 and 4 parents evening until 5:30pm

10th November – Year 3 and 4 parents evening until 7:00pm

10th November – Anti-bullying workshop for all children

11th November – School Photos (individual and sibling photos)

18th November – Children in Need (children to dress in spotty clothing and bring in optional £1.00)

7th December – Year 4 Christmas show for Grandparents (9:15am – 10:30am)

8th December – Year 3 Christmas show for Grandparents (9:15am – 10:30am)

8th December - Year 4 Christmas show for Parents (2:00pm – 3:15pm)

9th December – Year 3 Christmas show for Parents (2:00pm – 3:15pm)

12th December – Year 3 Christmas Party

13th December – Year 4 Christmas Party

16th December – End of Term

