



Curriculum Newsletter for Rombalds Class -Year 3/4 2023-2024 Half Term 1

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday and are ready for a fun filled year ahead. It was lovely to have the opportunity to get to know your children during the summer term and I am excited to be teaching them for the full academic year. I'm looking forward to seeing them grow and flourish. Last year, there was a buzz and excitement in the class and the children were so motivated to learn and I know this will continue this year.

Open communication plays a pivotal role in our education journey. I encourage you to reach out to me with any questions, concerns, or insights you may have.

Please remember to bring in a healthy snack for break times as fruit is no longer provided for children in Year 3 and above. I know a number of your children have rumbling tummies before lunch and with our busy mornings the additional fuel at break time goes a long way! The children will also require a named water bottle, which will be returned daily.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Miss Phillips

Maths

Year 3

Place value and numbers to 1000

Children begin with learning how to count in 100s. They will learn that a 3-digit number is made up of some 100s, 10s and 1s and they will be able to represent this in many ways (for example, on a place value grid with counters or in a part-whole model). They will look at number lines to 1,000 and know where different numbers lie. They will compare and order 3-digit numbers as well as count in 50s.

Addition & subtraction

Initially, the children will learn to add and subtract 1s, 10s and 100s to a 3 digit number. By the end of the unit they will be able to add and subtract two 3-digit numbers. This unit prepares children to understand formal methods of calculation.

Year 4

Place value and numbers to 1000

This is a pivotal unit because a solid understanding of place value using 4-digit numbers is fundamental to success in other areas of learning, particularly the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Addition & Subtraction

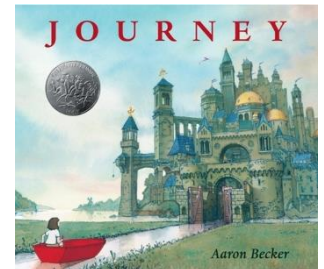
This unit focuses on learning a range of addition and subtraction strategies, in particular the column method. Mastering this will lead to confidence in many other areas of mathematics, especially when children apply their strategies to word problems and puzzles.



English

Writing

We will be exploring the book, "Journey" by Aaron Becker. We will be exploring a range of high quality illustrations to help us describe settings with expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials and similes. Then we will work on crafting short action sequences to build tension and use 'show, don't tell' to improve our story writing. Later we will be learning how to write our very own creative story.



We will then start to explore non-chronological reports that link with our science topic – *Living things and their habitat*. We will look at key features of a non-fiction text and discover how to use the correct structure for our reports. The children will also learn how to organise their work into paragraphs.

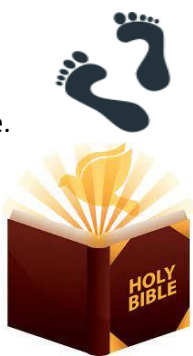
We will also spend some time looking at Anglo-Saxon Poetry. The children will write kennings using 2 words to replace a noun.

Reading

Our class will continue to develop their reading skills through weekly guided reading sessions with the class teacher and 1:1 session with Mrs Hall.

RE our topic this term in "The Bible"

- To know that the Bible is a sacred book that tells us about God's love.
- To know how the Bible is arranged.
- To know the stories of Abraham, Joseph, Jonah and David.
- To know that the Bible is God telling us about himself.



PE

The children will be getting wild and adventurous in their Wild Hearts' sessions and will be playing tag rugby.

Curriculum- Our topic for this term is "Invasion".

History- The children will develop their understanding of historical timelines and learn about the development of Britain after the Roman withdrawal into the Anglo-Saxon period. The learning will be focused on the geography of invasion and how it occurred, the significant events during the time of the Anglo-Saxons, Anglo Saxon kingdoms and monasteries. They will look at the everyday life of Anglo-Saxons and the legacy of the Anglo-Saxon invasion of Britain.

Computing- The children will use their word processing skills to publish their work in English and Creative Curriculum as well as honing their online research skills.

Science – The children will learn how animals and plants can be sorted and classified. They will use classification keys to identify different animals and they will make their own keys using questions.

Music- The children will learn to sing, play, improvise and compose with the well-known song Mamma Mia. They will also listen and appraise more ABBA hits.

PSHE- Children will learn that they are created by God out of love and for love: they were designed for this purpose, which should inform how they live.

Home support

Reading- Reading books will come home daily. Your child's book will be changed on particular days, if required. The day will be written on the front of their Reading Record book. Please continue to listen to your child read and write a comment in their reading record.