



Donington on Bain Primary School

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Class 3 Spring Term 3 Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and wish you a very Happy New Year! We have lots of exciting learning planned for this term.

Our learning until the Easter break will be driven by the topic, **Misty Mountain, Winding River**.

This project teaches children about the characteristics and features of rivers and mountain ranges around the world, including a detailed exploration of the ecosystems and processes that shape them and the land around them. We will begin by exploring the River Bain to hone our geography fieldwork skills.

English: Our English learning will begin with creating poetry inspired by Valerie Boom's poems in the book 'Stars with Flaming Tails'. The children will learn how to respond to poetry and create their own poems based around an element of nature.

Then we will be learning about the writerly techniques needed to create a suspense story based on a model text called 'The Old Mill.' Within this learning, fronted adverbials, homophones and relative clauses will be explored.

Maths: In Maths we will be revising place value by comparing and rounding numbers. Year 4 children will be introduced to negative numbers. We will then move on to fractions – counting, comparing, adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator. After this we will be reviewing our previous learning of column addition and subtraction techniques before ending the term with multiplication and division, exploring written methods and problem solving using both operations.

Science: States of Matter. This project teaches children about solids, liquids and gases and their characteristic properties. They observe how materials change state as they are heated and cooled, and learn key terminology associated with these processes.

Art: Vista. This project teaches children about the techniques that artists use when composing landscape images, such as colour and atmosphere.

Computing: Data Handling: Comparison Cards Databases

French: Numbers, calendars and birthdays. The children will be learning to count to 30 in French, revising the days of the week and months of the year and learn how to celebrate a birthday in French.

R.E.: How do people celebrate marriage?



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Nature School

Class 3 and 4 Nature School Timetable Spring Term	
12/01/26	Class 4
19/01/26	Class 4
26/01/26	Class 4
02/02/26	Class 3
09/02/26	Class 3
HALF TERM	

Please ensure your child comes to school with the appropriate clothing for Nature School on the above-mentioned Mondays.

P.E. Mr Bent will be teaching Class 3 for P.E. on Tuesday afternoons. This term they will be learning gymnastics and dance skills.

Home Learning

Please support your child through the following activities at home:

- **Regular reading at home – ideally, short daily sessions of ANY BOOKS. Please record the date and sign all reading in the reading record provided.** We run an incentive to encourage regular reading at home: every 50 days of reading will result in a prize. **Please ensure reading records and books are in school every day.**
- **Regular spelling practice** – lists will be set weekly and an Ed Shed login will provide children with interactive spelling games. Spelling tests will not be held, but regular informal assessments of your child's spelling of the Common Exception Words will be carried out. **In addition, three Y3/4 spelling words are added to the back of the reading diaries every week to practice little and often.**
- **Regular times tables practice** – short, frequent sessions using TTRS or other methods.
- **An optional long-term homework project** will also be set periodically. Children can choose to complete this and bring it to school towards the end of the term.
- **Show and Tell** – Out of school achievements are very welcome and are celebrated on a **Friday morning in class.** Feel free to send in photos/videos via email.

Homework Project Term 3:

Demonstrate your understanding of the water cycle through a PowerPoint presentation, diagram or model. We look forward to seeing what you produce – be creative!

Kind regards,

Mrs Bollan and Mrs Gough



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