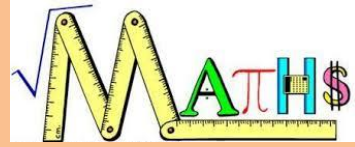


# Year 3 and 4 Newsletter

October 2015



Welcome back to a new term at Cannon Lane. The term so far has already been a busy one with lots of changes! The year 3 children are now in their new classrooms and have a much bigger playground to play in.

This newsletter includes information about some of the things that have happened so far this half term and some important information for the rest of the term. If you would like to discuss any of the information in this newsletter please contact me via the office, or speak to me directly if you see me on the playground.

Many thanks  
Mrs S. Edwards,  
Assistant Headteacher for Years 3 and 4

In Years 3 and 4, maths is taught by the class teacher rather than in sets. There are a number of reasons for teaching pupils as a class rather than 'ability' sets. There is no real evidence that setting actually raises achievement. In fact, forming ability groups can often significantly reduce the range of learning opportunities for pupils, either because motivation is lowered or because the experiences they are given are not as high in quality. At Cannon Lane, we teach pupils what they need to learn next through personalised targets and flexible groupings. We have found this to be a more effective approach which ensures class teachers have a thorough understanding and overview of the needs of their own class. Most importantly, pupils enjoy their learning, are challenged and make excellent progress as a result.

## Harvest donations:

From Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October until Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October we look forward to receiving any donations for our Harvest Festival. These will be donated to the Harrow Food Bank. Thank you in advance!

## Reading

Each child has a reading record which they will take home once a week. The day they take their book home will depend on when they have guided reading with their teacher. (Please talk to individual class teachers for details). Unlike in KS1, pupils will not bring home their guided reading book. The reading record is used to make comments on any reading you do with your child at home. It can be completed by you or your child and must be brought back the following week so that the teacher can comment in it during the guided session.

## Polite reminders:

Please ensure that:

- Match Attax (or other toys/games) are not brought in to school unless the Match Attax club is on that day. (Day TBC)
- children do not swing on the goal posts outside at the end of the day
- children do not use their scooters or bicycles on the school site

Thank you for your support.

# What have your children enjoyed learning about so far this term?



"Making the bread from the Iron Age was really fun and the tools they used were interesting." Ibraheem

Year 3 went to the Chiltern Open Air Museum to take part in various workshops about the Stone Age and Iron Age. They were able to experience how life might have been during these times. The children thoroughly enjoyed their experience and enhanced their learning about the Stone and Iron Age. Thank you to the parent volunteers who accompanied us on this trip.

"I enjoyed making the pouch from the Stone Age workshop." Sachin



"I really enjoyed making the clay pots and we got to keep them!" Niam



"It was great fun! It was the most amazing school trip!" Lauren



"I enjoyed making the fence because we had to be resilient and keep on trying." Ava



"Making the butter was fun but it was quite difficult to turn it into butter." Maria



"I liked making the colour with the vegetable fat and putting it on the trees." Seerat



"I enjoyed making fire because it was something I always wanted to try!" Benjamin

Year 4 have been learning all about the ancient Egyptians:



Year 4 are thoroughly enjoying having swimming lessons this year. Read what they have to say about it here!

I have enjoyed swimming because it is fun and my swimming teacher is nice.  
Kaylan

I enjoy swimming with Miss Rackham because I get to challenge myself.  
Mya



I enjoy swimming because it's good for my exercise.  
Disha





# Values Education

We focus on a different value each month through assemblies, discussions and learning activities in class. Each month a 'Values Award' winner is selected from each class. Here are the winners for September's Resilience award! In October we are focusing on Forgiveness.



Rayan (3AM), Kyla (3JM), Joseph (3FL), Jack (3TM), Lucy (4J), Anjali (4S), Inesh (4R)

## Dates for your diary:

Thursday 12th  
November  
4R class assembly

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>  
November  
3FL class assembly

Curriculum Workshop  
Wednesday 25th  
November  
1.30-3pm or 6.00-  
7.30pm

Thursday 21st  
January  
4S class assembly

Thursday 3rd  
March  
3JM class assembly

Thursday 24th  
March  
3TM class assembly

Thursday 21st  
April  
4J class assembly

Thursday 30th June  
3AM class assembly