

FOUNTAINS' *NEWSLETTER.*

We would like to say a big welcome to the year 2 and 3 children and parents and a big welcome back to the year 4s.

We hope you all had a lovely summer and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new term. We would also like to say a big thank you for all the lovely gifts and cards we received at the end of term, they were very much appreciated.

We would like to take this opportunity to tell you what will be happening in Fountains during the first half term.

The children will need PE kits in school on a Monday and Thursday as we are going to share some sports coaching with Rievaulx. On Fridays the year 3s and 4s will swim, whilst they are swimming the year 2s will have targeted teaching time with Ms Gauder.

We will change reading books for year 2s and 3s on a Monday and Thursday. Year 4 children are encouraged to change their own books when necessary.

Spellings will be given out on a Monday. We do work on these spellings in class but children are also encouraged to take them home to learn. We do a test at the end of every half term. Homework is given out every Friday to be in by the following Friday. The homework takes a variety of forms and we try to strike a balance between formal and creative.

Our **topic** for this half term will be **Shipwrecked/Pirates**. The focus will be on map work and the location of places and will be differentiated according to year group.

In **Literacy** we will begin by looking at **stories with familiar settings**. The year 2 focus will be sentence structure and punctuation. The year 3/4 focus will be on paragraphs and editing and improving work.

In **numeracy** we will look at **place value and calculations** using 2, 3 and 4 digit numbers.

Our **science** topic will be **animals including humans**. Within this we will be looking at keeping healthy. Year 2s will be looking at animals and their babies, 3/4s will be looking at the human skeleton.

In **RE** the initial topic will be **Harvest**.

Our teaching assistants this year will be Mrs Marshall, Miss Bardon and Mrs Day.

We hope your children will enjoy their time in our class. If there is anything you wish to discuss please pop in and see us after school.

Here's to a fun and happy half term

Mrs Wells and Ms Gauder

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