

## Autumn Term 2018 Year 3 / 4

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Lower Juniors. We hope your child is settling in well and will have a successful and enjoyable year.

Detailed below is some of the work that your children will be completing this academic term.

The Lower Junior Team are looking for parental support in the classrooms to help with reading. We would really appreciate any time you can spare. Please let us know when you're available to help.

### Homework

- Homework is set and sent home every Friday
- Homework will consist of **reading** every day, a **spelling** task, **handwriting**, **maths** and later on in the term, online **comprehension** tasks will be set.
- All homework is due in or due to be completed online by Thursday morning

### Suggested timetable for completion of homework

Day	Year 3	Year 4
Monday	Spelling	Spelling
Tuesday	Handwriting	Handwriting
Wednesday	Maths	Maths
Thursday		

Homework Diaries must be checked and signed by parent or guardian **EVERY THURSDAY AFTER HOMEWORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED**. It will then be checked on the following day and signed by one of the teaching staff.

Homework tasks should take no longer than **30 minutes**.

If for any reason the homework cannot be completed please let the class teacher know through a brief note in the homework diary.

### Reading

To supplement your child's reading in school, daily reading at home is **essential** to your child's reading progress. Please sign, date and record the page number reached in their reading book along with any additional comments. Also, please encourage your child to read a wide range of texts outside of their school reader.

During Book Week at the end of this half term, we will be studying the story Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo. Please obtain a copy of this text for your child **before 15<sup>th</sup> October**. It is available through Amazon at a price of £3.99.

### Our Curriculum for the Autumn Term

#### Religious Education

Our four topics for this term are:

Creation - we are called to be part of God's creation through baptism.

Prayers, Feasts and Saints, - Peace and forgiveness expressed by both Jesus and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Advent/Christmas – a time to prepare for the coming of Jesus.

#### English

##### Fiction:

Fairy tales

Myths and Legends

Poetry

Narrative

#### Maths

Place value

Number operations

Problem solving

(Your child will be set for Maths and may work with a teacher other than their class teacher)

<p><b><u>Non-Fiction:</u></b>  Non-Chronological reports  Newspaper reports  Diaries  Dictionaries and thesauruses</p>	
<p><b><u>Science</u></b>  Teeth and Eating  Solids and Liquids</p>	<p><b><u>Computing</u></b>  Developing keyboard skills &amp; Word Processing  Introduction to programming using Scratch</p>
<p><b><u>History</u></b>  The Anglo Saxons  Vikings</p>	<p><b><u>P.E</u></b>  Games – Net and court games  Games – Reaction and response / ball chasing - Health and fitness  Gym - Symmetry and asymmetry  Dance – Eye of the Tiger</p>

**P.E Days**

Class 3/4 KH / EW	Inside: <b>Friday</b>	Outdoor: <b>Monday</b>
Class 3/4 GH	Inside: <b>Tuesday</b>	Outdoor: <b>Friday</b>
Class 3/4 FJ / LH	Inside: <b>Tuesday</b>	Outdoor: <b>Wednesday</b>

Children must have their full P.E kit (The new school kit / blue shorts, yellow t-shirt and suitable footwear) in school for every lesson. After half term, as the weather gets colder, children need to wear a **plain** tracksuit and trainers for outside P.E. *Please note that there is a new tracksuit which is part of the new school PE uniform.*

**Design and Technology**

Viking Treasure box

**Art**

Anglo Saxon art

**Music**

Year 3 – Reggae  
Year 4 - Music Maestros

**Forthcoming dates:**

Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 7pm	Meet the Teacher
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 10am	Lower Junior Mass at St Joseph's
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 9-10am	Parents into school
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Book Week
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 4-6:30pm	Parents Evening
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 4-6:30pm	Parents Evening
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Character Day for Book Week
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 1:30pm	Junior Advent Service at St Joseph's
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 11:00	End of term Mass led by 3/4 GH class
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm	End of term

We hope this is helpful and thank you for your co-operation.  
The Lower Junior Team

Mrs Hurst & Mrs Weller

Miss Hague

Mrs Jones & Mrs Waite