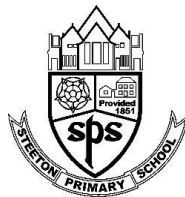


# Year 3/4

## Autumn Term 2017 Newsletter



Dear Parents,

This term our new Creative Curriculum topic is 'Australia'. Pupils will begin to explain where Australia is and its place in the world. Pupils will recognise the physical and human geography of the area and the affect this has on the people. This will lead to investigations of the role of Tourism and other industries. Pupils will investigate the history, culture and beliefs and to what extent and why these have changed over the years. We have planned another fun and exciting term to allow the children to enjoy and enhance their learning opportunities.

Violin lessons continue to be a great success with the Year 3 children learning new skills and the Year 4 children continuing to develop their skills and expertise.

We are pleased to welcome Miss Lafbery to the Years 3/4 team.

## Learning at Steeton Primary School

### Creative Curriculum

Our topic this term, as mentioned above, is 'Australia'.

### Times Tables and Spellings

All pupils must learn their times tables & spelling words for a weekly test.

### Reading

Reading continues to be a priority focus this year and we will again be launching FRED (Families Reading Every Day). This proved really popular last year and we hope you will all take part this year. The launch details are at the right hand side of this page. We aim, as always, to make sure that every child becomes a reader for life and that they will develop a real love of reading. We cannot achieve that without your help. All pupils must take their reading book home and read every day. Reading diaries must be signed by a parent or guardian, in order for them to be changed on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please ask your child questions about the book (story, setting, characters) to check they have understood what they have read.

## Upcoming Events:

### Year 3/4 Harvest Assembly:-

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at  
2.45 p.m.

## Important Diary Dates

### FRED reading launch

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017

4 - 5.30p.m.

## School Closes for Half Term

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017

and re-opens on

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017

## Next Half Term:-

## Parents' evenings:-

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017

and

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017

### 3/4W Assembly

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017

### 3/4H Assembly

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017

## School Closes for end of term

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017

and reopens

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2017

## Library Books

We are enjoying our weekly class visits to the library. Pupils have the opportunity to change their library book every week, so please make sure they bring their book back regularly.

## Handwriting and Presentation

Another main focus this year is on handwriting and the presentation of work. The school has invested in the 'Letterjoin' scheme to encourage the children to develop a neat, consistent, cursive handwriting style and to take pride in the presentation of their written work. We know that practice at home will help to improve the speed and quality of pupils' handwriting and there will be an opportunity for free access to the scheme for children to practice at home on their PCs and tablets. Further details to follow.

## PE Kit

As a reminder - for indoor work, children need navy blue shorts and a white t-shirt. For outdoor work, they also need pumps or trainers. When the weather is colder, a track suit or jogging bottoms and top will also be needed. Please make sure that all your child's clothing and equipment is clearly labelled with their name. We continue to have a problem with lost property.

## Dates for next half term Tuesday P.E. Sessions:-

3/4H Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017

3/L Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017

3/4W Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

## Key Stage 2 Homework arrangements

An Abacus Maths homework task may also be set on a Friday.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Arrangements</b>
<i>Mrs Hardcastle</i> 3/4 H	Spellings given out Monday to be learnt for a test the following Monday. Maths given out on Friday to be returned for the following Friday.
<i>Mrs Webb</i> 3/4 W	Spellings given out Monday to be learnt for a test the following Monday. Maths given out Friday to be returned for the following Monday.
<i>Miss Lafbery</i> 3/4 L	Spellings given out Monday to be learnt for a test the following Monday. Maths given out Friday to be returned for the following Friday.

If you have any concerns or queries, please contact your child's teacher. We are happy to see parents after school.

We are all looking forward to an exciting, productive term.

Mrs Hardcastle, Mrs Webb and Miss Lafbery – Years 3/4 Teachers.