

# KS2 Newsletter

## Year 3 and Year 4

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### English

Year 3 are preparing for a very exciting day next Friday, when they will be meeting up with children from other St Neots schools to take part in a storytelling festival. They are memorising four poems to perform with everyone else.

Year 4 have now finished their class book, 'Hana's Suitcase'; they loved reading Hana's story and learning about her life. The children are now working on summarising the events and features of the book using powerful vocabulary, on creating a hook and cliff-hanger and coming up with rhetorical questions. This is so they can write an amazing blurb to put on the book covers they will make.

### Maths

Year 3 have been learning all about lines and angles in different real-life contexts. They can now name acute, obtuse and right angles.

Year 4 created their own bar charts using information they found outside school. Some children tracked how many different types of bugs and flowers there were while others looked at shapes and colours. They then learned how to interpret information from a bar chart. Next, Year 4 are moving on to learning about fractions, decimals, and measures.

In the ICE zone the focus will be on naming and describing 3D shapes such as cuboids, cylinders, pyramids and prisms.

### Science

Year 3 have now finished their unit about light and are starting to learn about animals including humans.

Year 4 have been continuing their electricity investigations, finding out what happens to the brightness of a bulb if we add more batteries or if we add more bulbs.

### ICE zone

The new ICE zone looks amazing with an incredibly realistic rainforest! The new topic is South America; everyone is hugely enthusiastic to begin researching and explore this amazing continent! There are lots of great opportunities planned for outdoor learning too.

### Homework

Please try to keep up with homework this term so that there are no last minute catch-ups needed just before Summer reward day!

Each week each child should complete a piece of written English homework, one hour of Maths Whizz and daily reading followed by regular AR quizzing.

Although it is hopefully starting to improve and get a bit sunnier, please can you make sure that your child is still prepared for everything that the British weather throws at us!

Each day they need to have:

- a coat for colder mornings
- a sunhat for break and lunchtimes
- a water bottle
- indoor and outdoor PE kit
- wellies for walking when the field is muddy