

Aston Hall Junior & Infant School



Curriculum Booklet for Parents

Y3/4RB

Autumn Term

Our Staff

Mrs Rotherforth – Teacher Mon-Wed
Mrs Booth – Teacher Wed-Fri
Mrs Clifton – HLTA Wed am
Mrs Westby – TA interventions

Our Timetable

Morning	Afternoon
8:40 Doors open	12:00 Lunch
8:50 Register	13:00 x2 lessons daily: History/Geography/Art/DT/ RE/PSHE/Computing/French/PE
9:00 Reading	
9:30 Maths	
10:30 Break	15:05 Home time
10:45 SPaG & English	

Art/DT

We will be developing our art skills in a range of topic related pieces that include paints, pastels, pencils and collage. Our artwork will be based around Scandinavian mountains, and we will briefly focus on the style of Edvard Munch (a Norwegian painter).

History

Our history topic this term is Vikings. We will explore how Viking times have influenced life today. We will also learn about their way of life, conflicts of the era and Erik the Red.

Geography

Within this area, we will explore Scandinavia, including its countries, landscape and industry. We will explore its monarchy, government and how people of Scandinavia look after their environment.

PE

As Y4 Swimming sessions have now ceased, our class' PE days are Wednesday (outdoor with Mrs Clifton) and Friday (indoor with Mrs Booth). Can you please ensure that your child has their earrings removed (if this applies!) and long hair is tied back. We also ask that children keep their PE kit in school throughout the week in case PE days change, and that kits include shorts, trousers, trainers (this should be a different pair to what they wear to school), T-shirt and jacket/hoody.

Important dates:

Wednesday 2nd February: Y4 parent information meeting about Times Table Check

Thank you for your continued support ☺

Welcome to Spring term in Y3/4RB! We hope you had a lovely Christmas break; we were pleased to see your children happily returning to school in 2022. Below, we have collated some useful information for this term.

Homework

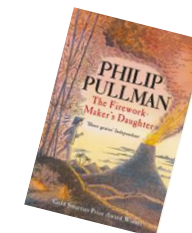
Homework will continue to be set on a Friday (and posted onto Dojo), and is due in by the following Wednesday. There will be either a Maths, English or wider curriculum task/activity as well as regular reading of 3-4 times per week, recorded in Reading Records (please bring these in for checking on Thursdays). Additionally, children need to access TT Rockstars and learn our weekly spellings. Spelling tests will be held on the Friday after the homework is set.

Maths

We are going to be learning about the following areas in Maths this term: money, length, area, perimeter, fractions and decimals. This will include recognising the value of coins, adding and subtracting amounts to find change, measuring in mm, cm and m, using calculation skills to find the perimeter and area of shapes. Children also need to recognise unit and non-unit fractions, know their decimal equivalents, as well as being able to add and subtract fractions. We will regularly practice times tables. By the end of Y3, children are expected to know their x3, x4 and x8 tables (as well as x2, x5 and x10) and by the end of Y4, children should know all their times tables up to 12 x 12. Children in Y3/4RB will be exposed to all their times tables and we will learn songs and rules to help us remember these. We will complete TT Rockstars at least 3 times a week. We will also complete 'Fluent in 5' arithmetic sessions for children to consolidate their addition, subtraction, multiplication and division skills.

English

The majority of our English learning will be based around our class novel: The Firework-Maker's Daughter. Within this, we will cover persuasive adverts, instructions, non-chronological reports, Asian poetry and an extended narrative piece. We will identify the features and build upon the skills needed to make successful writers, with a big focus on conjunctions to extend sentences. Spelling, punctuation and grammar skills will also be embedded.



Science

We will continue teaching Science on Wednesdays to enable us to split into our specific year groups. The topics we will all cover this term are 'Plants' and 'Earth and Space'.

Y3s will learn about the parts of plants and their functions as well as their life cycles. In our Space topic, we will learn about the different planets in our solar system, how day and night are created, types of rock and magnetic forces.

Y4s will focus on how soil helps plants grown and grouping and classifying plants. In our Space topic, we will focus on the sun, planets and their moons (and orbits) and forces, including gravity and friction.

Music

Our music lessons are taught every Monday by our specialist WPT music teacher, Mrs Gibbons.

Computing

This half term, on Mondays, Mrs Khan will begin teaching fortnightly computing sessions.

Religion, Ethics & Philosophy

Children will continue to learn about values, diversity and beliefs. We will explore belonging, think about the challenges faced by certain religions and also learn about the Holi Festival.

PSHE

We deliver PSHE using the Jigsaw scheme. Our Spring term topics are 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Healthy Me'. Children will think about their own ambitions, how to overcome challenges and manage frustration. After half term, we will cover

attitudes towards drugs, dealing with peer pressure and coping with fear and anxiety.

