



**Welcome to our first half termly phase newsletter! We want to share with you some of the fantastic things we have been getting up to in UKS2 in the academy this half term.**

### Year 3 English

This term Year 3 have written a variety of text types. The children started the term with a bang using Roald Dahls Revolting Rhymes to produce both rhyming poems and our own twisted fairy tales. The children loved reading all the variations of the well-known classics. Year 3 ended the term with a non-chronological report. The children created their own mythical creatures to write about or used our Science topic of Animals including Humans, to create a report.



### Year 4 English

This term Year 4 have been writing in many different styles. The children began by writing instructions on how to make a pizza; even getting to make their own pizzas, prior to writing, to help clearly understand the steps ahead. They also wrote exciting and suspenseful fairy tales based on Jack and the Beanstalk. Year 4 ended the term by writing recounts based on The Avengers – the children have loved the engaging nature of superheroes and putting a creative spin on their writing.



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### Year 3/4 Times Tables



Times tables are a critical part of both year groups learning as they prepare for the Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check. This term we introduced Times Tables Rock Stars to our children and set them the challenge of beating their weekly scores to move through the ranks from Wannabe to Rock Star. We are proud to announce that Noah D (Year 3) and Jensen M (Year 4) have completed all their times tables speed trials to become Rock Stars. Amazing work boys, we are all very proud of you!

### Year 3 Wider Curriculum

We have focused on History this term, exploring the Prehistoric Period of Stone Age to Iron Age. The children enjoyed exploring the different ways people of the past survived and thrived through new discoveries of metal ores and new inventions. To end the term we mimicked the Bronze Age Beaker People, who revolutionised Britain by bringing their knowledge of how to make bronze and pottery to our country. The children created beautifully sculptured cups and bowls in the style of the beaker people. In Science, we have learnt all about Animals including Humans. The children have learnt all about how their body works and how to keep it healthy through eating their 5 a day and a balanced diet.

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The half term so far has had an Italian focus. We began by making pizzas, then we moved on to Geography and compared Lazio to the UK. We have just started our Roman topic off with a bang with a visit from a 'real life Roman' visit. In Science we have been exploring sound, making string telephones, investigating the science behind boom-whackers and how sound travels to aid us in hearing.



### Year 3 PE

Our PE day is **Thursday**.  
We have been learning how to play touch rugby.

Our PE stars this term have been: Maisyann, Lillie-Jo, David, Liddy, Imarni



### Year 4 PE

Our PE day is **Monday**.  
We have been learning how to play tag rugby.

Our PE stars this term have been: Harriet, William, Payton, Jenson, Lincoln, Roley, Tilley



### Year 3/4 Homework

Every week, times tables are set on Times Tables Rock Stars, spelling homework is set on Spelling Shed and a spelling worksheet is given to your child, which is due in every Friday morning. Spelling and times tables are then tested every Friday, to encourage steady progress over time. As well as this, we still encourage as much home-reading time as you can manage with your child, with Golden Tickets given to those who read 4 or more times in a week.



### Year 3 Champions and Citizens of the half term

#### Champions:

Rachel, Tiana, Darcie, Lillie-Jo, Layton, Elsa, David, Sonny, Liam, Emre, Logan, Grace



#### Citizens:

Imarni, Noah, Alex, Lacey G, Harrison, Lacey Mc

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#### Champions:

Lateya, Alex, Theo, Leah, William, Owen, Louie, Jake, Payton, Albie-Jay, Taylor, Scarlett



#### Citizens:

Alice, Harriet, Molly, Layla, Jensen, Alex

### Year 3/4 Special Shout outs!

All the teachers would like to say a special thank you to the children for their fantastic attitude towards learning since returning to school. You have shown an increasing maturity since coming to KS2 and impress us daily with your willingness to help your peers and adults by handing out books, keeping our academy tidy and being kind friends.

We are also very proud of our Choir children, who did not only represent us beautifully in the Harvest Festival, but also in the Choir Festival in our final week. Well done.

A special shout out to Mercy T for representing Pennyman in the cross country and achieving a bronze medal. Also to Olivia B for her valiant effort in raising money and awareness for Stroke Awareness Charity.



### Year 3 Other information

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