# Year 3 and 4

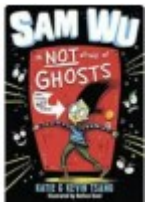
**Maths:** **As mathematicians we will be :**

- Using formal column methods to add and subtract
- Consolidating our multiplication and division skills
- Practising times tables; using arrays to support us
- Exploring area and perimeter

**English:**

We will explore and create our own persuasive texts, encouraging our audience to visit our local area.

We will write creatively, using our creative devices to describe character and setting. We will use a variety of winter stimuli to activate our creative juices! We will continue to practice sentence structure, spelling and grammar including homophones and parts of words (root, prefix, suffix) and speech.




We will be enjoying our class novel Sam Wu is Not Afraid of Ghosts.

**Science: As scientists we will be exploring: Magnets and Forces**

- Comparing how things move on different surfaces
- Exploring the properties of different magnets
- Investigating everyday uses of magnets

**PSHE: Connecting with others:**

We will learn how to build safe, kind and caring relationships with our peers.

**Geography:**

**As geographers we will explore our local area.**

We will focus on the physical and human features of our town.

Look at local maps , draw sketch maps and use simple compass points to explain where places can be found.

**DT:**

In this exciting unit, pupils will explore the power of pneumatics to design and build their own moving toys, testing and refining their creations to bring their ideas to life!



**RE:** What is it like for someone to follow God?

We will explore God's promises and covenants.

**Computing:**

Our topic is stop-frame animation.

We will learn how to animate images and pictures.

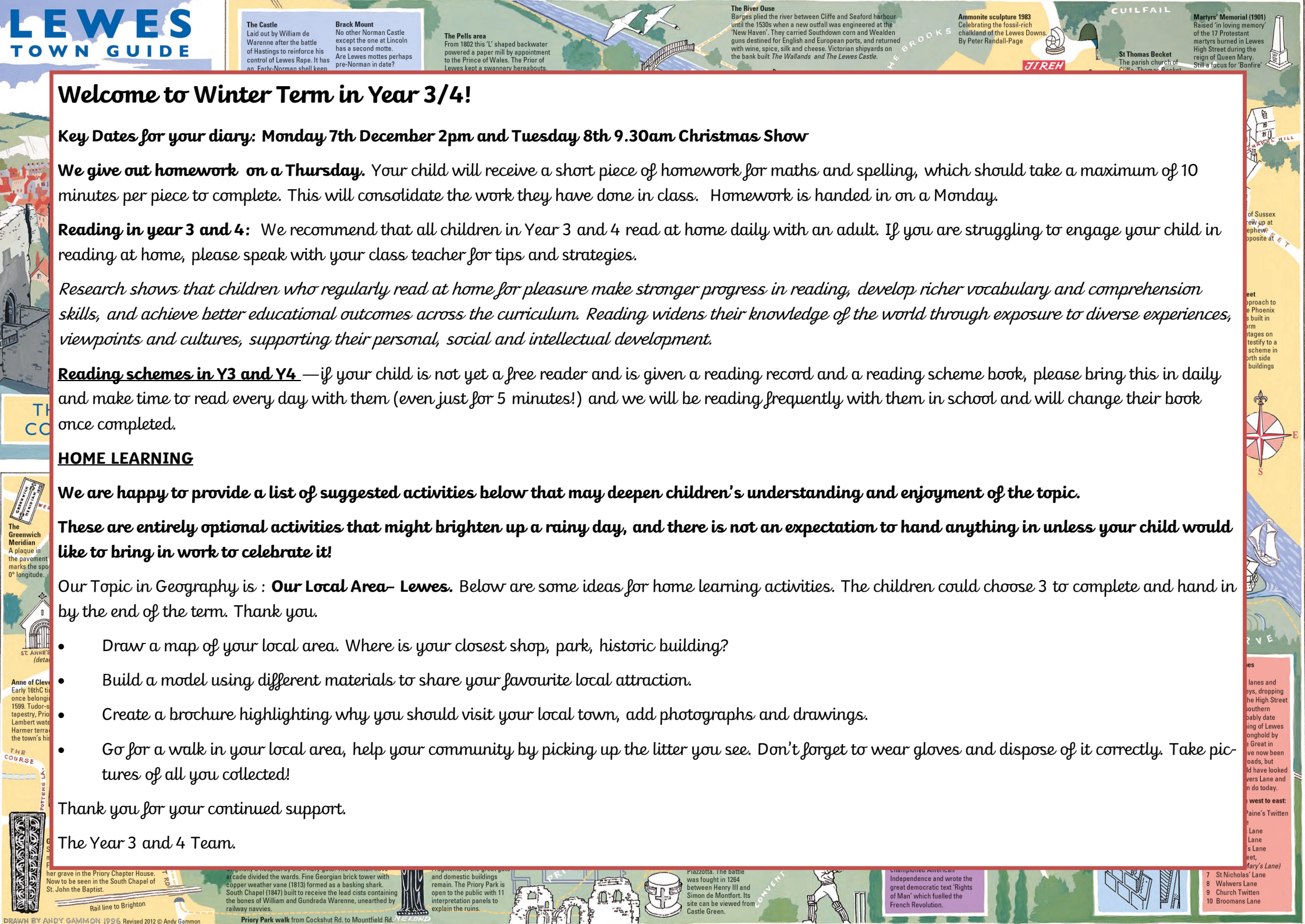
**PE: Invasion games: principles of attack and defence through ball games**

The unit of work will introduce pupils to the principles of attack and defence, with a particular focus on passing, moving and scoring. Pupils will show integrity as they learn to keep possession and eventually score in order to win a modified game. The unit will focus on games using hands and feet.

**Spanish:**

We will be learning to talk about our bodies, clothes and colours.

**Music :** Christmas Singing : All children will be singing and rehearsing for our Christmas show. Year 3s will sing and dance and Year 4s will sing and have the option to act where appropriate.




# Welcome to Winter Term in Year 3/4!

**Key Dates for your diary: Monday 7th December 2pm and Tuesday 8th 9.30am Christmas Show**

**We give out homework on a Thursday.** Your child will receive a short piece of homework for maths and spelling, which should take a maximum of 10 minutes per piece to complete. This will consolidate the work they have done in class. Homework is handed in on a Monday.

**Reading in year 3 and 4:** We recommend that all children in Year 3 and 4 read at home daily with an adult. If you are struggling to engage your child in reading at home, please speak with your class teacher for tips and strategies.

*Research shows that children who regularly read at home for pleasure make stronger progress in reading, develop richer vocabulary and comprehension skills, and achieve better educational outcomes across the curriculum. Reading widens their knowledge of the world through exposure to diverse experiences, viewpoints and cultures, supporting their personal, social and intellectual development.*

**Reading schemes in Y3 and Y4** —if your child is not yet a free reader and is given a reading record and a reading scheme book, please bring this in daily and make time to read every day with them (even just for 5 minutes!) and we will be reading frequently with them in school and will change their book once completed.

## HOME LEARNING

**We are happy to provide a list of suggested activities below that may deepen children's understanding and enjoyment of the topic.**

**These are entirely optional activities that might brighten up a rainy day, and there is not an expectation to hand anything in unless your child would like to bring in work to celebrate it!**

Our Topic in Geography is : **Our Local Area– Lewes.** Below are some ideas for home learning activities. The children could choose 3 to complete and hand in by the end of the term. Thank you.

- Draw a map of your local area. Where is your closest shop, park, historic building?
- Build a model using different materials to share your favourite local attraction.
- Create a brochure highlighting why you should visit your local town, add photographs and drawings.
- Go for a walk in your local area, help your community by picking up the litter you see. Don't forget to wear gloves and dispose of it correctly. Take pictures of all you collected!

Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 3 and 4 Team.