



Year 3 and 4 Newsletter



Autumn 2024

Welcome to our **Autumn Newsletter**.

Our **History Topic** this term is '**Stone Age to Iron Age**'. In this history based unit, we will be finding out about how people lived in Britain during the **Stone-Age** and discovering how life changed through the **Bronze and Iron Ages**. The highlight of this unit will be our fascinating trip to **Butser Hill Ancient Farm** where the children will be immersed in life during these times.



In **English** this term, we will be starting with a unit based around **Portal Stories** (Alice in Wonderland, Narnia, The Tunnel), before moving on to look at a range of **fiction, non-fiction and poetry**. In **Maths**, children will focus on their **place value, calculation (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division)** and **problem solving skills** in a range of contexts as well as consolidation of times tables.

In **Science**, we will be learning all about **humans and other animals** with a focus on the **skeletal and digestive systems**. In **Art**, we will be using a range of techniques to create **self-portraits** while in **DT** we will be **baking bread**. **PE** will be **multi skills, OAA, handball and tag rugby**. In **computing**, we will be looking at **E-safety** and learning how to **debug** programmes. In **RE**, we will be looking at **rituals** and learning about Mary, Mother of God and in **PDL** we will be focusing on using the **zones of regulation** for our emotional wellbeing.

Throughout the year, each class will learn the **Ukulele** during sessions provided by **Hampshire Music Service**.

Another highlight of the term will be the **Year 3 and 4 Christmas Service**. We are looking forward to every child being involved in some way, whether it's acting, reading, dancing or singing as it's a fantastic way to boost confidence as well as develop those teamwork skills. We will endeavour to let you know in plenty of time if your children need costumes.

Thank you,

The Year 3 & 4 team

Helping your child at home

Please continue to encourage your child to bring their reading diary in every day. They are an important record of their reading and are often used in guided reading and English sessions. Listening to your children read is really important, even for confident readers, as discussing the book helps to improve their understanding. Children need to be practicing their spellings and be learning the rules taught in class. For maths, it's a case of tables, tables, tables! Practising them in a variety of ways to encourage speed and accuracy will make maths lessons easier for your child! TT Rockstars and booklets.

Special events for Year 3 and 4

Thursday 12th September - Year 3 parents in to work with their child

Thursday 26th September- Flu Spray

Thursday 27th September- INSET day

Wednesday 16th September- Butser Ancient Farm trip

Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th- Parents Evening

Wednesday 4th December- Young Shakespeare Company in

TBC- Christmas Service