



Year 3 and 4 Spring Newsletter 2023

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter. We hope you've all had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas holiday and would like to wish you a happy New Year!

We are looking forward to another action-packed term full of exciting learning opportunities. This term our geography topic will be '**Contrasting Localities**'. We will start this unit with a walk of the local village where we will be identifying **human and physical features** as well as completing a traffic survey. We will then be studying the city of **Southampton** as a contrast to the village of Droxford, which will include a trip to Southampton and a visit to the **Southampton Art Gallery**.



In English, we will start the term by finding dragons on our school field as part of our 'Dragonology' unit! After half term, we will be working on the '**Boy who swam with piranhas**' by David Almond. We will be focusing on the author's use of language and we will be writing some of our own narratives in his style. In the second half term, we will also be taking part in the **annual Hampshire Illustrated Non-Fiction Book Awards**.



Our first science unit is **Electricity** where we will be looking at circuits and studying insulators and conductors. They will then build upon this knowledge after half term when we study '**Light**' where we'll be focusing on how light is reflected and why shadows are formed.

In **Art** we will be studying the work of two British artists and will try to recreate their techniques ourselves. We will then use the ideas we have learnt to create our own **street strips**. In **RE** we will explore the concept of remembering through the story of **Passover** and look at the concept of suffering through the **Easter story**. Through **PDL**, we will be learning how to be responsible and how to live in the wider world.

In maths, children will be recapping **addition and subtraction** and learning new methods for **multiplication and division** before moving onto measure, money and fractions.

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 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.

Important Dates

Thursday 19th January – Creature Teacher visit

Wednesday 25th January – Young Shakespeare Company

Wednesday 22nd February – Year 4 Runways End parent meeting 6pm

Friday 3rd March – World Book Day (for DJS)

Tuesday 7th March – Trip to Southampton and Southampton Art Gallery (separate letter to follow)

Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March – Parents Evening (Roving Bookshop on 16th)