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## Year 3 and 4 Newsletter Autumn 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our summer newsletter. We have an exciting and action-packed term ahead of us. Our history topic this term is all about **World War Two**. As well as looking at the reasons behind **World War Two**, **life in Britain during the war** and **the experiences of evacuees**, we will be focusing on the significance of Droxford in the planning of the **D-day** landings. As part of this topic, we will be immersing the children in life as an evacuee and taking a trip on the Watercress line!

Our art and DT topics are also linked to World War Two. We will be designing and building our wooden and cardboard **evacuee containers**! In music, we will be creating music inspired by WWII.



In English, we will be studying the text, **A Firework Maker's Daughter** by Phillip Pullman, focusing on narrative writing. We will then be writing diaries and postcards based on the life of a **WWII soldier** and looking at newspaper articles. In science, we will be carrying out exciting investigations based around **states of matter** and how materials can be changed. In PE we will make the most of the (hopefully) warmer weather and will be outside honing our **athletics and striking and fielding skills**. Our RE themes are **messages and symbols** and in PDL we will be focusing on **'living in the wider world.'**

### 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. Children need to be practising their spellings and also be learning the rules. 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! Don't forget Times Table Rockstars and your weekly times table booklets.

### Key Dates for this term

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Runway's End Year 4 Residential

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – INSET Day

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June (Hambledon Watercress Line trip), Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June (Droxford Watercress Line trip), Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June (Meonstoke Watercress Line trip)

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June- Year 3 Camp

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – INSET Day

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July – D-Day Museum Trip (all 3 classes)

**Vision: 'Equipping our children with the knowledge and skills to navigate life successfully'**

