



Year 3 and 4 Newsletter



Summer 2024

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 **blitz boxes** which will also light up! 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 **health and well-being**.

Helping your child at home

Please continue to encourage your child to bring their reading diary in every day. Children need to be practising their spellings and also be learning the rules.

For maths, it's a case of tables, tables, tables! The Year 4s will have the Multiplication Tables Check in June. 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

Monday 15th April – Swimming starts

Wednesday 17th – Friday 19th April – Runway's End Year 4 Residential

Friday 24th May – INSET Day

Monday 3rd June- Friday 14th June- Year 4 Multiplication Check period

Thursday 6th June (Hambledon Watercress Line trip), Friday 7th June (Meonstoke Watercress Line trip), Thursday 13th June (Droxford Watercress Line trip)

Thursday 20th and Friday 21st June- Year 3 Camp

Tuesday 25th June – Sports Day

Thursday 4th July – Changeover Day

Friday 5th July – INSET Day

Wednesday 10th July – D-Day Museum Trip (all 3 classes)