



Year 3 and 4 Newsletter



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!

This term, we are delighted to be starting our exciting journey in our 'Pole to Pole' geography topic! This topic takes the form of a 'journey' from Antarctica, along the coast of South America and up to the Arctic. Throughout this topic, the children will hone their geographical and map-working skills whilst learning about different countries. We have planned a fantastic visit to the Gilbert White Education Centre at Selbourne where the children will undertake field work studies. If you are interested in helping on this trip, please contact the school office.



In English we will continue with our theme of journeys with Meonstoke and Hambledon groups studying One Dog and his Boy and Droxford studying Pugs of the Frozen North.

We will also be linking other subjects with our topic, for example in Science the children will be exploring the habitats of different animals within the biomes we are studying. In Art and DT we will be using our observational drawing skills to begin to sketch seashells and develop our sewing skills to make an embroidered shell cushion.

In PE, we will be focusing on hockey and netball in our outdoor sessions and gymnastics and dance in our indoor ones. Please ensure your child has the correct kit for all PE sessions and as the weather remains cold and wet it may be useful to pack your child jogging bottoms and other suitable warm outdoor clothing for PE.

Helping your child at home

Last term it was lovely to see all the Egyptian artefacts that the children brought in and it would be great if this could continue. Also we value your expertise so if you have particular knowledge or skills about any of our subjects that you could share then please get in touch.

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 also be learning the rule. 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!

Special events for Year 3 and 4

Thursday 25th January - Gilbert White field Study Trip

Thursday 1st March – World Book Day

Thursday 22nd March – Parent's open afternoon

Monday 26th – Wednesday 28th March – Year 4 residential to Runway's End