



Year 3 and 4 Newsletter



Welcome to our Summer Term Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome to our summer newsletter. We have an exciting and action-packed term ahead of us. Our history and geography topic this year is all about World War Two. As well as looking at the reasons behind World War II, 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 visiting the Midhants Railway (Watercress line) dressed as evacuees and we are hoping to offer a visit to the D-day museum.

Our art and DT topics are also linked to World War II. In art we will be studying pre-war art deco style and creating our own art deco prints. In DT we will be making our wooden and cardboard blitz boxes which will light up. In music, we will be creating music inspired by WWII.

In English, we will be reading classic text *The Iron Man* writing diaries based on the life of a WWII soldier and studying and performing poetry.

For science, we will be performing 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, striking and fielding and tennis and badminton skills. Our RE themes are journeys and beliefs and we will continue to develop our Growth Mindset in PHSE.

Helping your child at home

We love it when children are so enthused by something they've learned at school, that they do further research at home. We particularly like to see any artefacts you may have or extra projects that the children have been inspired to do. 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. We will be sawing and gluing for the Blitz boxes so if anyone is handy with tools and would like to come in and help, please let us know!

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!

Key Dates for this term

Watercress Line (Droxford) Tuesday 1st May
Watercress line (Meonstoke) Wednesday 2nd May
Watercress Line (Hambledon) Thursday 3rd May
Evacuee Day – Thursday 24th May
D-day museum – Tuesday 12th June