



Year 3 and 4 Newsletter

Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter. We hope you've all had a relaxing summer holiday!

It has been so lovely to welcome the Year 3 children and welcome back the Year 4s. All the children have settled in very well and we are looking forward to working hard on our topic this term- Ice to Iron. In this history based unit, we will be finding out about how people lived in Britain during the stone-age and discovering how life changed through the Bronze and Iron Ages. The highlight of this unit will be our fascinating trip to Butser Hill Ancient Farm.

In English, we will be looking at a range of texts including portal stories, classics such as Oliver Twist as well as the film, 'Song of the Sea'. In maths, children will focus on their place value, calculation and problem solving skills in a range of contexts.

In science we will be learning all about humans and other animals. We will be focusing on the skeletal and digestive systems. In art we will be using a range of techniques to create self- portraits and use our drawing skills to create map-based work, while in DT we will be baking bread.

Over the years, we have fostered excellent links with Portswood Primary School in Southampton by becoming pen pals with their pupils. Children will get to meet their new friends when we go to visit Portswood in the spring term as part of our geography topic- 'Contrasting Localities'.

Another highlight of the term will be the Year 3 and 4 Christmas Service. We are looking forward to every child being involved in some way, whether its acting, reading, dancing or singing as it's a fantastic way to boost confidence as well as develop those teamwork skills. We will endeavour to let you know in plenty of time if your children need costumes!

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. 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!

Dates for your diary

Autumn clean up day 9:30 – 3pm (come anytime – includes free lunch!)

- 10th October – Butser Ancient farm trip (Years 3 & 4)
- 17th October- Parents Evening and Roving Bookshop (Bookshop all day)
- 18th October- Parents Evening
- 7th December- FODs Disco
- 13th December- Open Afternoon
- 19th December – Christmas Lunch

Many thanks – the Year 3 / 4 team

