



Year 3 and 4 Newsletter



Autumn 2020

Welcome to our **Autumn Newsletter**. We look forward to welcoming you all back after a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday!

Our **History Topic** this term is '**Stone Age to Iron Age**'. 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** where the children will be immersed in life during these times.



In **English** this term, we will be starting with a unit based around **Portal Stories** (Alice in Wonderland, Narnia, The Tunnel), moving onto the classic tale of **Oliver Twist** and a film titled, '**Song of the Sea**' where we will explore some **poetry**. In **maths**, children will focus on their **place value, calculation (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division)** and **problem solving skills** in a range of contexts as well as consolidation of times tables.

In **Science** we will be learning all about **humans and other animals** with a focus on the **skeletal and digestive systems**. In **Art** we will be using a range of techniques to create **self- portraits** while in **DT** we will be **baking bread**. **PE** will be **multi skills, OAA, handball and tag rugby**. In **computing** we will be looking at **E-safety** and learning how to debug programmes. In **RE** we will be looking at **rituals** and learning about Mary, Mother of God and in **PSHE** we will be focusing on how to keep our bodies **healthy**.

Droxford base will be the first class to begin to learn the **Ukulele** during sessions provided by **Hampshire Music Service** every Friday.

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 and if this will now actually take place in the church as normal or whether we just do something in school for ourselves. All to be confirmed.

Thank you

The Year 3 & 4 team.

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! TT Rockstars and booklets.

Special events for Year 3 and 4

Butser Hill Trip – Tuesday 10th November