

# Year 4 Newsletter

19th October 2017

## Outdoor learning

Last Tuesday was our outdoor learning day where we went outside for orienteering activities, volcanic explosions and Fulcrum. We had so much fun!

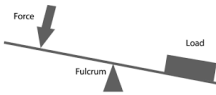
### Orienteering

Children improved their teamwork and map reading skills during the orienteering activity which took place on the back playground and forest school area. They had to locate a number of points on the map and then collect stickers and stamps to prove they had been there. We were very impressed with their enthusiasm and determination to complete the task in good time.

### Volcanic Explosions

Children learnt how to make a volcanic eruption using washing up liquid, vinegar, food colouring and bicarbonate of soda. We all watched in amazement as it bubbled over. We also created rockets using Alka-Seltzer and made other explosions using coke and Mentos.

### Fulcrum



The children really enjoyed investigating levers during our science experiment. They all predicted well and gave great scientific responses during our planning and discussion time. We look forward to using the skills we learnt when we design rescue vehicles next week.

## Learning at Home – BRILLIANT BEGINNINGS

### *What would it be like to live as a child in World War II?*

For next half term we would like you to start finding out about WWII. Below you will find a list of **suggested ideas that you may wish to do.**

### Places to go:

Royal Air Force Museum, Cosford  
Birmingham Think Tank  
Coventry Cathedral  
Kings Norton

### Websites to visit:

[www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk](http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk)  
[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/world\\_war2/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/world_war2/)  
[www.ngkids.co.uk/history/world-war-two](http://www.ngkids.co.uk/history/world-war-two)



### Things to do:

- Research and find out about the war using Kidrex
- Make notes or create an information page.
- Generate your own questions you would like to find the answers to.
- Show what you have learnt/ found out through drawings or art work.
- Visit the library and read non-fiction books or stories about the war.

Remember to bring your lovely work in for us to share after half term.

## Morning Routine- Important Information

After half term we will be following a new early morning routine. When the bell rings at 8.35am the children will no longer line up on the playground and wait for their class teacher to collect them. Instead they will enter school immediately, going straight into classrooms where they will be greeted by their teacher and be able to begin their learning straight away. This is the same as last year in year 3. Please make sure that until the door is opened, the children remain on the playground and stand away from the door.

One member of staff will be on the playground each morning so if you need to pass a message to your child's class teacher, please let them know. You can also use the children's communication books to pass on important information.

**The following staff will be on the playground each morning:**

**Monday: Mrs Hames**

**Tuesday: Mrs Elvins**

**Wednesday: Mrs Bridge**

**Thursday: Miss Stone**

**Friday: Mrs Baker**

All the teaching staff will be on the playground at the end of every day to speak with you if you have any queries and if you feel you would like to have a longer discussion with your child's class teacher, please contact the office to make an appointment.

Can we remind you that for safeguarding reasons parents and carers are

## Think of the Month

Thank you so much to all the children who took the time to add their ideas to our think board. We have enjoyed reading them and discussing different opinions in class.  
This month's think is...

**If I paint over a window, is it still a window? Why / Why not?**



Answers on the Think board please!



## DATES:

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Book Fair in school for 1 week

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – TEA Day and Children in Need

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Parental Engagement

## Sports at Woodfield



We had a great Wednesday morning last week, having the opportunity to meet some of the teachers and children of Woodfield, to try out some sports. We had the opportunity to hone our throwing and catching skills whilst playing bench ball and everybody enjoyed learning new hockey skills. We also focused on our football skills, improving our dribbling and scoring techniques. We also enjoyed the tournament on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October when we were able to showcase our skills.

## Reminders

Uniform At Oakhill we try our best to look smart, and so please can you ensure that you have the correct footwear. Trainers are fine for outdoor PE sessions, but we would like to see proper school shoes at all other times please.

PE Kits – Outdoor PE is taking place every FRIDAY after half term and indoor is every WEDNESDAY. Please ensure your child has the right kit in school at all times and that it is clearly labelled. **Please note that school uniform states navy, black or grey tracksuits for outdoor PE kit.**