



LOWER JUNIORS NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM 2026

The children had a fantastic Autumn term - learning about the Stone Age to Iron Age, visiting Butser Farm and writing in the style of Roald Dahl. They can't wait to perform their Carol Service to you all next week.

WHAT'S ON NEXT HALF TERM

Mountains and Volcanoes (Geography)

Throughout Spring term, we will be learning about natural disasters and how mountains and volcanoes are formed. They will locate some key mountains and volcanoes and use a range of maps to find these and see where they lie in relation to tectonic plates.

Light (Science) In this unit, children will learn about the importance of light to see and how it is reflected and how shadows are formed. They will learn about transparent, translucent and opaque materials.

Scratch (Computing) Children will create a game using the coding software Scratch with a focus on loops.



LJ Curriculum Overview



ENGLISH

The Firework Maker's Daughter

Children follow the quest story of Lila going in search of a special ingredient to become a firework maker like her father. They will use this stimulus to design and write their own short quest stories.

Violent Volcanoes/Earth Shattering Earthquakes

Children to write an information page in a similar style to text's studied.

Poetry: Dear March

Children compare and contrast Emily Dickinson's poem with other spring poetry before writing their own seasonal poetry.

MATHS



- Count up and down in tenths and hundredths
- Find a fraction of a shape and a set of objects
- Compare and order fractions with the same denominator
- Understand and write decimal equivalents of tenths and hundredths.
- Measure, compare, add and subtract lengths (m/cm/mm); mass (kg/g) and volume (l/ml)
- Find the perimeter and area of different 2D shapes

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT HOME

Reading - we ask that children read 4x per week and that this is recorded in their Reading Challenge. Reading Challenges are expected to be in school every day.

Homework - Maths or SPAG/Reading homework is set each Tuesday and checked each Monday. Please check Century for due assignments.

Spellings - We really appreciate your support in helping your child to learn their weekly spellings. They will be tested each Friday.

TTRS - Regular times table practise helps with many areas of the Lower Junior maths curriculum. In Year 3, we encourage children to complete garage sessions and in Year 4, please can they focus on 'Soundcheck'.



CENTURY



TTRS



SORA

SORA is a free app from Hampshire's school library service. When you download the app, children will have access to hundreds of quality e-books or audiobooks - perfect for long car journeys or bedtime listening.



DIARY DATES

Please visit the school calendar regularly for updates.



Attendance

We monitor attendance carefully as there is a strong link between attendance and achievement. Days off add up to lost learning. We appreciate your support in allowing your child to access the education they deserve.



GETTING IN TOUCH



Teachers are happy to help and are generally available at the end of the school day or by email. Please do not try to catch them in the mornings while they are settling the children. Urgent messages can be passed to the school office. Please allow up to 2 school days for email responses as teachers are child-facing during the day.

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