



IF WE BELIEVE, WE CAN ACHIEVE

COLLABORATION - CONNECTIVITY – INDEPENDENCE – INNOVATION – QUESTIONING – REFLECTION – RESILIENCE

Dear parents and carers,

On Wednesday the school was treated to a concert from those children who have piano lessons in school and once again they impressed with their talent and courage to perform in front of others. Harris and his mum also entertained us with sea shanties and an opportunity for audience participation! A huge thank you to Lauren for inspiring these young musicians from year 2 upwards – we are so lucky to have such a high quality provision in school.



Before we broke up for half term we had a pupil voice event to discuss what the children felt about playtimes on the playground, given the more limited space, and what they would like to keep/ change to ensure this time is enjoyable and safe. In a whole school assembly we discussed possible changes which included some resources. Before we purchase items we are asking if families have any of the following to donate:

- Hobby horses
- Dressing up costumes 5-8 yrs
- Puppets

Their ideas included a permanent stage area, signposts and cosy areas/dens, swings/monkey bars, a swimming pool, climbing wall, zoned areas and refreshing the equipment.

Some of these are more feasible than others but we are able to:

- Zone an area for art activities
- Create role play and puppet theatres.
- Build a stage
- Invest in some signage
- Create quiet seating areas
- Offer 2 lunchtimes on the field for running and football (Wed/ Fri)
- Continue to offer yoga, drawing and writing clubs inside for those who wish to take part
- Harry Potter Club and Helicopter stories (Tues lunch)

Year 4 residential - Autumn term 2024

There will be a parents meeting on Monday 11th March at 3pm about next year's Y4 residential. There will be a change of venue next year and we are keen to share the information with you.

Thank you Budgens

Thank you to Budgens who have donated £500 to our school. We will be discussing ideas with school parliament about how this is best used for the children but may help towards a stage area on the playground.



Parents and friends

A reminder that Bag to School week is approaching if you want a bit of a Spring sort of clothes and fabrics. Bags have gone home today and need to be back in school on Tuesday 5th March so they can be collected on the morning of Wednesday 6th March. A request also for raffle prizes. If you have any, please place them in the donation basket outside the office. Finally, please see the attached flyer about the Mother's Day sale. Thank you.

A snapshot of learning for this week:

Explorers have explored their new theme of 'worms' and learnt lots of new fun facts. They have made a wormery and also enjoyed becoming insects in cosmic yoga!

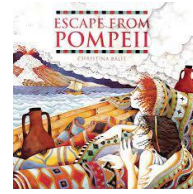


This week, in Adventurers a giant ten frame has appeared which is helping us with our maths! We have had fun being part of the frame, being counted and remembering patterns. Thursday was Pancake Day in our class. After reading Mr Wolf's Pancakes we decided to set about being Mr Wolf himself!! We did some research and found a pancake recipe, wrote shopping lists, counted some money, collected our bags and set off on a (soggy!) walk to the village shop! Each team had to find an ingredient and pay for it themselves, put it in their bag and carry it back to school. We explored how Shrove Tuesday is celebrated around the world and then followed the recipe to make pancakes. We enjoyed eating them with a traditional topping of sugar and lemon!



Voyagers have started their new theme, learning about the life of Queen Victoria and playing some traditional Victorian games. They also enjoyed looking at their own toys and have started comparing them to those from Victorian Times.

In Navigators and Pioneers we have started reading our next Favourite 5 book, Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit and explored fronted adverbials, learnt about Roman engineering and Roman Roads, and how the structure of the World and plate tectonics can cause volcanoes and earthquakes.



A snapshot of learning for next week:

Explorers will be learning about minibeasts.

Next week the Adventurers are looking forward to heading off on a trip to Launceston farm! This will help us to answer our question...do all minibeasts have 6 legs?

Voyagers will be dressing up and having a taste of what school was like in the late 1800s! They will also investigate the properties of different materials in science.

Navigators and Pioneers will be using fronted adverbials and expanded non phrases to write a setting description, learning about the different types of volcano and about Boudicca and her rebellion.

Upcoming Dates (Please see website dates which cover dates upto July)

- Wednesday 6th March** Bag to School Event
- Thursday 7th March** World Book Day (Dress ready to travel!)
- Monday 11th March** Focus on Science/STEM week
- Meeting for Y3 parents re residential next year
- Wednesday 13th March** Years 1 and 2 Visit to Wimborne Museum
- Thursday 21st March** Year 4 Team Games Event at St Mary's First School
- Tuesday March 26th** Years 3 and 4 Visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace
- Wednesday 27th March** Year 4 Tag Rugby at CMS
- Thursday 29th February** Individual/Sibling photos
- Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April** EASTER HOLIDAYS

Kind regards,

Mrs Rachael Musselwhite (Headteacher)