



IF WE BELIEVE, WE CAN ACHIEVE

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

Dear parents and carers,

A very warm welcome back to school this week.

This half term we will be exploring what it means/ feels like to be kind and this will culminate at the end of half term with an 'Acts of Kindness' week. In assembly time this week, we have watched clips from 'The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse' and explored how each of the characters supports the others. The key phrases we have emphasised are:

"What do you want to be when you grow up?" said the mole. "Kind," said the boy.

"What is the bravest thing you've ever said?" asked the boy. "Help," said the horse.

"Asking for help isn't giving up," said the horse. "It's refusing to give up."

We look forward to developing this theme across the next few weeks and would highly recommend (if you haven't already), watching the animation with your children.

Last term we awarded sparkly red stars to children who had shown an excellent approach to their learning. They didn't get their deserved mention on last term's newsletter so well done to:



Martha in Adventurers, Eva in Voyagers, Corey in Voyagers, Jack in Navigators and Ruby in Pioneers - congratulations - wear your stars with pride!

Given the current advice from health experts, we ask that if your child has a fever, they remain at home. Please don't dose them up with paracetamol and send them in as we want to reduce the risk of infection at school.

This half term, **PE** will be as follows:

Adventurers Tuesday multi skills (Teamtheme)

Voyagers Tuesday Bat and Ball (Teamtheme)

Wednesday Gymnastics

Navigators Monday Gymnastics

Wednesday Tennis (outside coach - Ian Griffiths)

Pioneers Wednesday Tennis (outside coach - Ian Griffiths)

Thursday Gymnastics



On **Fridays** Voyagers, Navigators and Pioneers have Forest Schools and need to have appropriate clothing.

Piano Lessons

These will recommence next Friday.

Clubs

As shared in parent mail this week, clubs will start up again next week. All children got their requested activities.

School Nursing Team

Attached to this newsletter is an information sheet for parents with contact details for the local nursing team who can be contacted confidentially for advice in term time.

Friday Fine Dining!

Congratulations to Ronan, Jack and Amara (Explorers) Indie (Adventurers), Jack and Freya (Voyagers), Lily S (Navigators) and Harry (Pioneers) who were selected to bring a friend to 'Friday Dining' today. They were chosen by their class teacher for displaying the qualities of our Jigsaw learning this week and for their excellent manners.



Support for families experiencing hardship

If you find yourself experiencing financial difficulty, please contact us as we can supply foodbank vouchers/ supermarket vouchers/ fuel tokens to families in need. You can also apply for additional support for your child by following this link:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/pupil-premium>

A snapshot of learning for this week:

Explorers have been busy in their construction workshop outside - today was all about road management!!



Adventurers have been finding out about the moon landings and who first walked on the moon, as well as, exploring how the moon affects our tides.



Let's get to the moon!!

Voyagers have been geographers this week: learning to locate the continents and the oceans, using maps and globes and songs to help them. They have learnt about and described some arctic animals. They have also found out about the earth's Auroras and how they are made, and then painted their own!



Navigators and Pioneers have been exploring water resistance and identifying symbols on a variety of OS maps. The children have also chosen whether to write alternative endings, news reports, a book review, song lyrics, poetry or a comic strip about The Iron Man book. They have worked on their reading skills in guided reading.



A snapshot of learning for next week:

Explorers will be basing their enquiries next week on birds.

Adventurers will be asking, "What would you pack for hibernation?"

'Voyagers will be comparing the two polar regions and looking at weather patterns in both the UK and the polar regions. Year 2 will be starting a new text in English ('Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers- no spoilers please!) and everyone will be having a 'let's write' focused on using powerful adjectives.

Navigators and Pioneers will be designing and constructing a bridge in DT and introducing their new history topic.... 'Great minds think alike'. Curriculum overview attached!

Upcoming Dates (all dates on website on the google calendar)

- Wednesday 11th January Whole school 'Wassailing' workshop Day 1
 - Wednesday 18th January Whole school 'Wassailing' workshop Day 2
Reading Workshop (Years 3 and 4) 6pm
 - Wednesday 3rd February Reading Drop In (Details to follow)
 - Friday 3rd February NSPCC Number Day (Whole school Maths event) Donations
 - Monday 6th February Act of Kindness Week
 - Wednesday 8th February Y3/4 Athletics event (team to be selected) CMS
 - Thursday 9th February School Disco (YR-Y4) Parents and Friends
 - Monday 13th February HALF TERM
 - Monday 20th February INSET (School and Nursery closed)
 - Tuesday 21st February Back to school
Start of Fairtrade Fortnight
 - Friday 3rd March World Book Day - Dress as a book character
- Kind regards,

Mrs Rachael Musselwhite (Headteacher)