



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

Dear parents and carers,

It was great to welcome all the children back after half term and to finish the first week with a wonderful school experience on the Rushmore Estate. Years 3 and 4 experienced a walk through history with a travelling Celt, exploring the rich history of our local area. Part of this involved using the AR app at the Romano British village as well as using sling shots and finding out about how to survive from the land. I would like to extend a huge thank you to Anthony who planned and delivered this part of the day. The afternoon saw years 3 and 4 completing an outdoor art activity and a foraging workshop (with Liam). Again, thank you to Liam for giving up your time to share your extensive knowledge. Thank you also to the Parents and Friends for supporting during the day as well as organising the portaloos.

KS1 completed a mile walk through woodlands identifying trees, leaving trails and spotting the wildlife. They also took part in forest school activities and left some natural reminders of our visit. I would like to thank Eric for his work in helping us plan the event and also Alice and William Fox-Pitt who gave us access to their land and gave us such a wonderful resource for our learning.

Please enjoy some of the photos of our day below:



Thank you to all the parents who helped out on the day and made this event possible.

Sports day

A reminder that we have sports day on Friday. Please see parentmail for details and a reminder to year 4 parents to sign their child up for the slow bicycle race if they want to take part.

PLEASE NOTE THIS WILL NOW START AT 10AM SO THAT Y4 PARENTS CAN ATTEND A MEETING AT CMS

East Dorset Beekeeping Association

A huge thank you to our visitors from the East Dorset Beekeeping Association who visited this week and worked alongside Explorers and Adventurers showing and talking about the importance of bees.

Ofsted May 2023

This week we were able to share our Ofsted report with parents and I know you will join with me in congratulating the staff and pupils for their input in what was a long and rigorous day. There was much to celebrate in terms of behaviour and attitudes towards learning as well as the level of challenge and breadth within the curriculum we have devised. In terms of development we have already started planning how to address the 2 areas for improvement.

Improvement area 1

- *'In a small number of wider curriculum subjects, leaders have not identified precisely enough what pupils need to know and remember in order to achieve their curriculum goals. As a result, pupils do not learn as well as they could. Leaders need to ensure that the curriculum sets out the knowledge pupils should learn across all subjects.'*

Action by setting by September 2024

1. To review and refine the key knowledge that children will be taught lesson by lesson in Art, PE and DT.
2. Match our key knowledge descriptors (assessment tool) already in place to subject overviews and teacher's short-term planning.

Improvement area 2

- *'Some older pupils who struggle with reading do not receive the precise support they need. Books do not contain the sounds pupils have learned. As a result, pupils do not practise their phonic knowledge effectively. This hinders their reading fluency and confidence. Leaders need to make sure that weaker readers receive well-planned phonics teaching so that they catch up quickly.'*

Action by setting by November 2024

1. To provide additional training for staff on the teaching of phonics beyond KS1 for a small number of pupils whose fluency is below expected levels but who are not on the SEN register.
2. To purchase additional RWI resources and phonics matched texts for KS2 reading books.
3. Provide opportunities for parent workshops which are bespoke and match the needs of key children.

Bookwhen

Thank you to all those parents who have been using the new booking system for Allsorts. Mrs Alford and Mrs brown have been working hard to ensure that any queries are sorted quickly and in the longer term it should make the whole process more efficient.

Parents and Friends

Please see the attached flyer about Father's Day gifts this Wednesday. A flyer has also been sent about a parents disco and the P&F AGM. The next 'Bingo' evening is If you are interested in helping out with the summer fete (14th July) please let any of the committee members know.

DFE Multiplication check

Year 4 have begun to complete their assessments. These will all be finished by Friday this week.

A snapshot of learning for this week:

Explorers have been finding out all about bees and honey. They had some special visitors and some rather tasty snacks this week!



Adventurers have been exploring extreme weathers and how the emergency services help us out including the coastguard and mountain rescue.

Voyagers have been writing rhyming poetry connected to the 'Fire of London' and creating dramatic collages of flame.

Navigators and Pioneers have been how to use persuasive techniques in their writing, practising how to run a middle-distance race and recognising conductors and insulators of electricity in science.

A snapshot of learning for next week:

Explorers will be exploring summer.

Adventurers will be finding out about what lives in running water.

Voyagers will be making Tudor house models, learning about change in their Jigsaw lessons and writing diary accounts from the perspective of people who experienced the 'Great Fire of London'.

Navigators and Pioneers will be starting to make their working carousel models in DT and continuing to prepare for their entrepreneur challenge.

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

Friday 9th June Forest day (Rushmore Estate) Year R - Year 4

Tuesday 13th June Year 3 and 4 Biathlon Event

Wednesday 14th June Father's Day Sale

Friday 16th June Sports Day followed by whole school picnic on the school field 10am start

Wednesday 21st June New starters Link afternoon

Friday 23rd June Year 3 and 4 Entrepreneurs Sale

Monday 26th June Whole school Climbing Wall experience (YR - Y4)

Tuesday 27th June Y3/4 science trip to Paultons Park

Tuesday 27th June YR (Adventurers) Athletics Event at SPH

Wednesday 28th June New Starters Link afternoon

Wednesday 28th June P&F AGM 8pm via zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2016859980>

Friday 30th June Year 4 Rounders Tournament at CMS

Friday 14th July Summer Fete

Kind regards,

Mrs Rachael Musselwhite (Headteacher)