



Dear Parents and Carers

We have a bumper issue of the Friday Flyer this week, as it is our first one of the Spring Term. We have really been getting stuck in to our learning through our Quest, "Something Old, Something New". This title was inspired by our comparisons between how humans have lived through different time periods in history compared with our way of life today. Please look [here](#) and [here](#) for further information about our curriculum on our school website. We hope you enjoy sharing in all the fun we have been having since the start of the term!

Mr R Stead

Diary Dates

Forest School Wednesdays

26th January Class 5
2nd February Class 4
9th February Class 3
16th February Class 2
2nd March Class 1
9th March Class R

Tuesday 8th February

Class 5 visit from Museum Service

Half Term

Monday 21st February to
Friday 25th February

Year 6 Residential to Charterhouse

Tuesday 1st March to
Friday 4th March



Class 1 have fully immersed themselves in our new local history topic where we are looking at the Duke of Wellington and why on the Blackdown hills (which we observed from our school field) we can see the Wellington Monument. The topic started by watching a drone video of Wellington Monument in which we could see Wellington in the distance from the air. We learnt lots of facts about the Monument including that it's the largest 3 sided obelisk in the world. We couldn't really picture how tall the Monument was so we went onto the field and measured out the full 53 meters and ran between the distance! I set Class 1 a challenge to build a model Wellington Monument out of a resource of their choice. It was tricky to construct a three sided shape, but after some perseverance we had some great structures out of paper, Mobilo and Lego. We also created an observational painting of the Monument – the children worked really hard on this and their work was excellent! We are now learning about the Duke of Wellington himself and the Battle of Waterloo. Class 1 have composed a list of questions which they would like to answer by the end of the topic, which include: How many days was the battle? What did you wear during the battle? And how old is the Wellington Monument? We have also been talking about the primary and secondary research types and why it's important to think about what we are reading and consider if it is true or not.

Mrs MacCormick



On Tuesday Classes 3 and 4 had a visit from Mrs Hoyle who is an archivist at the Museum of Somerset. During the session children had the opportunity to look at and handle real historical artefacts. Mrs Hoyle taught the children how to use these artefacts to gain information about the past. It was a really informative session and the children learnt a lot.

Mrs Calnon and Mrs Nicholls



Reception Class are looking for old phones (mobiles or landline models) and any old cameras for their play area. If you have one to donate, please send it in! Thank you.



House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	374	965
Cork Oak	312	837
Blue Cedar	400	978
Horse Chestnut	300	851



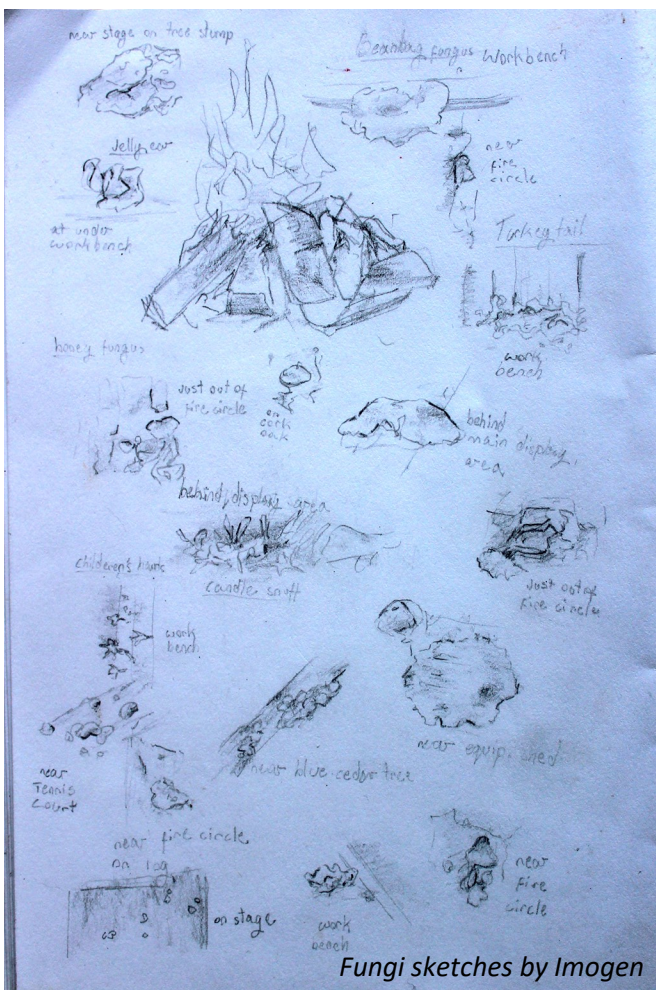
OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



Pre-School	Maddie for trying so hard on the balance bikes this week. Lettie and Nina F for achieving their 10 miles in the Golden Mile.
Class R	Jayden for his amazing listening skills and excellent instruction following at Forest School. Ruby for always trying her best and looking out for others.
Class 1	Charlie for being enthusiastic and having great ideas about our new history topic. Charlie has been listening carefully and has shared his new learning with others. Well done, you are a passionate historian in the making!
Class 2	James, Orla, Anna and Rory for their excellent mathematical reasoning and great explanations of their thinking to the class.
Class 3	Sidney for his improved handwriting and his increased efforts in all subjects – well done, keep it up, Sidney!
Class 4	Millie for great work all week, especially for her excellent effort with her handwriting and story writing. Well done Millie, keep it up.
Class 5	Edward for a super start to the term! Ed has shown a great attitude towards his learning and has consistently offered to share his ideas with the class. Well done, Ed!
Class 6	Barney for his super story writing this week.

What a glorious winter morning Class R had for Forest School in the first week of term, and what a brilliant way to start our new year! We began our time hunting for signs of winter, spotting birds and their nests and finding ice crystals, before going on a bud hunt! Our favourites were the sticky Horse Chestnut buds. We learnt to tread carefully when we saw signs of bulbs beginning to shoot and made a protective ring around them using sticks that we had found. We then enjoyed some great time playing in the Forest School area and drinking hot chocolate, before we did our favourite thing - toasting marshmallows! Luckily, they gave us lots of energy to carry all the Christmas Trees that had been delivered to school for recycling and we made our own 'forest' to hide in. We had such a wonderful, busy morning and can't wait to see what has happened to the bulbs and buds by the next time we return.

Mrs Smith



Fungi sketches by Imogen



This week, Class 6 had Forest School. Mr Wedderkopp set up the '144 Step Milverton Space Walk'. We were given 7 instructions to follow, it included walking from The Sun (a soft yellow ball placed on Prof. Acorn's head) all around the solar system, ending at Saturn, missing out Uranus and Pluto as they would be too far away. A group of people went on a fungi hunt, and found about 17 different types of fungi and mushrooms! They walked around the school grounds and found the following mushrooms and fungi: Turkey Tail, Pig Ear, Jack o' Lantern Mushrooms, Candle Snuff, Honey Fungus and ones that look like little white children's hands. A small number of children went on the swing, some went off to build dens with tarpaulin, logs, sticks and other materials. Some others cut large sticks into a spear-like shape to toast their marshmallows over the campfire and some of us dipped ones into hot chocolate.

by Yazmin and Imogen

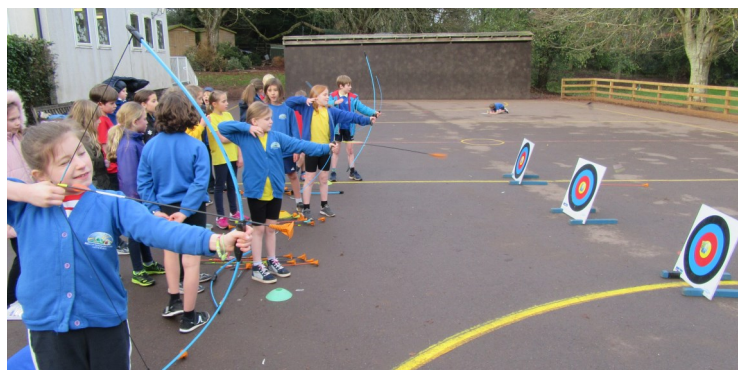
This half term, Class R have been finding out about 'People Who Help Us', and this week we had a special visit from PCSO Louise to help us find out more about what the police do. She showed us her special uniform, explained about how she helps to keep us safe and showed us her special police car. The siren was very noisy! We have enjoyed pretending to be police officers in our own learning time, working in the station office and looking for evidence as detectives. Thank you PCSO Louise for coming to visit us.

Mrs Smith



Year 1 took part in soft archery last week. They loved playing a warm-up game themed around Robin Hood. The children then had lots of practice and showed great perseverance to master the technique and tried to hit the gold target. The game they enjoyed the most was, baking a cake and not burning it, (if they hit black they burnt their cake and had to start again). Beth and Ffion won the wristbands for trying their hardest and displaying great technique.

Miss Storey



It was Year 4's time this week to take part in soft archery. The children had lots of practice and got to use the bigger bows after proving their technique and strength. They were then split into 4 teams to compete in various games. Stan and Hazel won the wristbands for great technique and amazing team work.



Amelia in Class 2 had 12 inches of her hair cut off for donating to the Little Princess Trust and she also donated £20 of her pocket money as well. Well done, Amelia! The Little Princess Trust is a charity that provides real hair wigs to sick children and young people. <https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/>



PREMIER EDUCATION TAUNTON HOLIDAY CAMPS



Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd of February 2022
Venue: Cotford St Luke Primary School

What we'll be getting up to...

Tuesday 22nd of February: Dance and Gymnastics- Spend the day learning new gymnastic techniques from our amazing qualified gymnastic coaches. They will support you doing new rolls, balances and stands. Enjoy making routines in pairs and small groups which will be presented later in the day.

Not only this but the children will have a chance to learn a dance routine from our dance specialist Mickey! This will be shown to parents at a presentation at the end of the day.



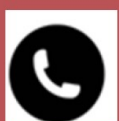
The fun doesn't stop there...

Wednesday 23rd of February: Taekwondo and Dodgeball- Patterns, hand attacks, blocks and self defense are just a handful of taekwondo techniques children will learn from our coach Sharon. Sharon is a level 3 in taekwondo coach and her club recently won gold and silver at the National Taekwondo Poomsae championships!

The children won't just be coming home as little ninjas from the day. They'll also have an afternoon of our famously fun dodgeball games working hard as a team!

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