



Dear Parents and Carers,

As you can see from this week's Flyer, we are still thoroughly committed to "Learning Outside the Classroom", which is one of the aspects that drives our curriculum. What that means to us is both going outside of the classroom walls to embrace learning, and also bringing in experts to help us broaden our understanding of whatever we are learning about. This ensures we continually embrace the ethos of our educational vision: "The World is Our Classroom!"

**Mr R Stead**



Class 1 wanted to get involved in a national birdwatching study this week run by the RSPB. We set off to the school bird hide after looking at images of possible birds we thought we might spot on the school grounds. We especially enjoyed listening to the different bird calls which we thought might help us to identify any birds that we could hear but couldn't initially see. It was lovely to see the children's expressions of excitement when hearing the different bird calls in the school grounds. We then walked around the wooded area to see if we could spot any other birds. We talked about the importance of moving quietly and using little voices so as not to scare away the birds we were keen to observe. During our time observing we spotted: crows; sparrows; blackbirds; a robin; pigeons and a brief sighting of a finch. If your family wish to participate in the study here is a link to the guide on how to get involved:

[https://www.rspb.org.uk/globalassets/downloads/biggardenbirdwatch/2022/bgbw\\_guide\\_printable\\_english\\_v2.pdf?from=How-to-button](https://www.rspb.org.uk/globalassets/downloads/biggardenbirdwatch/2022/bgbw_guide_printable_english_v2.pdf?from=How-to-button)



This week, Class R have been very busy in the office! Our special visitors this week came from a little closer to home, as we were fortunate to have a visit from Ms Barlow and Miss Blake from our own school office. We learnt about all the important things that they do to help keep the school running smoothly, including sending messages to our parents, ordering our lunches, answering the phone and of course, creating the Friday Flyer. We were inspired to create our own office in the classroom, including our own 'staff' lanyards, and it has been just as busy as the real one! Thank you for coming to visit us and share about how you help us. Class R parents - look out for your own special edition Friday Flyer coming very soon!

**Mrs Smith**

We loved visiting Class R this week to explain what we do in the office and how we help the school. The class had thought of some great questions for us, such as, 'Can we do cartwheels?' and 'Do you wear crowns?'. An excellent question was 'What do you do on your computers?' and Patrick explained clearly to everyone what an email is. Thank you for having us, Class R, we are very impressed to see how hard working you are in your class office! **Ms Barlow and Miss Blake**

## Diary Dates

### Forest School Wednesdays

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

House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	373	1338
Cork Oak	230	1067
Blue Cedar	318	1296
Horse Chestnut	292	1143



## OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

<b>Pre-School</b>	<b>Niamh</b> for always being happy to join in and always having a smile on her face.
<b>Class R</b>	<b>Darcy</b> for having a positive attitude, even when things are a bit tricky, especially with her super phonics and at playtimes.
<b>Class 1</b>	<b>Harper</b> has infectious enthusiasm for her learning each and every day. She never fails to try her best and in her own learning time she creatively experiments with what she has been taught in the lesson. Well done!
<b>Class 2</b>	<b>Isla</b> for her wonderful attitude towards all her learning this week. She has demonstrated good concentration and listening skills, paid attention to detail in her work and presented everything clearly and neatly.
<b>Class 3</b>	<b>Elsie</b> for her excellent work with multiplication in Maths this week. Well done, Elsie!
<b>Class 4</b>	<b>Jacob</b> for his determination and work throughout Maths this week.
<b>Class 5</b>	<b>Warren</b> for his effort in sharing his ideas and contributions to class discussions this week. Well done!
<b>Class 6</b>	<b>Sophie C</b> for her fantastic focus and hard work this week.



On Wednesday, 26th of January, Class 5 had Forest School. For the first game, we played '1,2,3 where are you?' In 1,2,3, the adults are seekers, and the children have to hide. If you get caught, you have to help the adults seek. It was fun. The 2nd game we played was '40,40'. In this game, there are about 10 taggers, and the rest are runners. If you get caught, you have to stand in a goal post. If the goal post is touched by someone in your team (a runner), every person in the goal will be freed. An activity we did was whittling. We whittled sticks to roast marshmallows on. Some people whittled sticks for fun, making something for themselves, a family member or friend. There were other activities like den making, playing in the mud kitchen, the swing and the spacewalk (not literally!). Only a few people participated in the spacewalk, but the people that did thoroughly enjoyed it. First, we had to take a piece of paper and a pencil and write all the planets up to Saturn (Saturn included). We minimised the Sun to the size of a tennis ball. We started at the big squirrel Prof. Acorn. We placed a bean bag and a ball on his head to represent the Sun. We took a normal step away from Prof. Acorn which was around 6 million miles. To mark Mercury, we moved 4 steps, and placed a label to show Mercury. To show Venus, we moved another 4 steps, or 24 million miles. Earth was 18 million miles from Venus which was 3 steps. We worked this out by dividing 18 by 6 = 3. Mars was 36 million miles (6 steps). Jupiter, however, was 44 steps across the field! Now, we know you think Saturn would only be about 5 steps from Jupiter. If you think that, you are definitely wrong, because Saturn is 52 steps from Jupiter and we had to walk 52 steps!! After free time, we had hot chocolate and did a helping heart. Everybody enjoyed Forest School!



by Ava and Seren.

**MSA NEWS....** we have been busy planning Covid safe events for this spring term and we are pleased to confirm the following...

**EASTER BINGO** is back! During the week of **Monday 21st March - Friday 25th March**, teachers will be holding bingo sessions in each class! Unfortunately, it is not safe to plan a family event this year but we didn't want the children to miss out. Look out for details before half term.

Due to popular demand, our sponsored event this year will be...the **COLOUR RUN!!** we had such fantastic feedback from children, parents and staff last year that we're running it (literally!) again on **Friday 8th April** - big t-shirts at the ready for some colourful fun!

We are also hoping to produce a **school tea towel**, which will include artwork from each pupil, a lovely memento to keep forever. Look out for details over the next couple of weeks. The **school lottery** is in full swing and you can buy tickets and join the weekly fun (and a chance to win £25,000) at any stage, please consider it. We are looking forward to more recipes coming into school for a **School Recipe Book** - currently we haven't had many in so if you can spare the time, we'd really appreciate your recipes.

Finally, we are looking for more committee members for the next school year as some parents are moving on. We specifically need a treasurer but always happy to have more members on board. It is an ideal time to join us for a taster and see if you could contribute next year. The commitment is a lot less than you think, it's a total of only 4 meetings per year, on Zoom, you don't even need to leave home! Any interest or questions relating to anything above please email us on

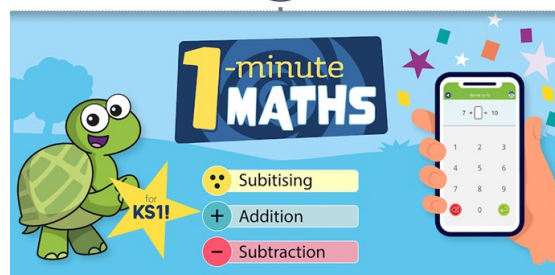
[msa-somerset@outlook.com](mailto:msa-somerset@outlook.com) THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

**MSA**





Pre-school made bread! While mixing the milk, yeast and sugar together, the children said:  
 "It smells like bread!" (Hudson)  
 "It's yeast. My Daddy makes pizza with yeast." (Nina B)  
 "It feels softy" (Otterly)  
 "It feels warm" (Ella)  
 "We punched it" (Maisie)  
 "It smells like flour" (Niamh)



## Have you heard about our amazing new app?

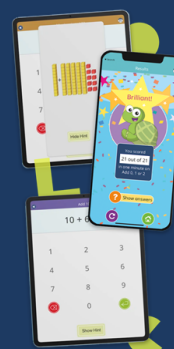
### It's 1-Minute Maths

Free to download for teachers, parents and pupils.

Designed for use both in class and at home, our new 1-Minute Maths app helps children build greater number confidence and fluency. It's all about targeted practice in engaging, one-minute chunks!



This first version of the app is aimed at Key Stage 1 pupils and focuses on adding and subtracting - and on 'Subitising'. The free mobile app is available for Apple/iOS, Android and Kindle.



Children can choose any topic they want to try. They then answer a unique series of questions (so it's a different set of questions every time). If they're struggling with a question, a 'Hint' button will give a helpful clue by showing the question in a different but familiar way.

When the one minute's up, they'll see a feedback screen telling them how they've done.

## Check out these 7 top reasons for using 1 - Minute Maths!

- **Excellent practice** - and no distractions.
- A **clear, intuitive process** that children pick up straight away.
- **No login or internet access needed.** Just download and play.
- **Enjoyable and motivating...** How many can they get correct in one minute?
- **Helpful hints** match those used in class.



**~Tomorrow~** in the mix project

**ACTIVE YOUTH!**

**Community Event**  
@ The Jubilee Gardens, Wiveliscombe

**29th January 2022**  
**10am-1pm**

★ FIND OUT MORE ABOUT ACTIVE YOUTH AND HOW TO BE ACTIVE!  
 ★ MEET WITH SPORTS AND ACTIVE GROUPS  
 ★ TAKE PART IN GAMES AND ACTIVITIES SUCH AS:  
 SWINGBALL, HULA HOOPING, SOFT ARCHERY, CIRCUS SKILLS, PING PONG, MINI TRAMPOLINES AND MORE!

**COME ALONG AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT BEING ACTIVE!!**

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