



IF WE BELIEVE, WE CAN ACHIEVE

Newsletter 1 - Friday 10th January 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to everyone. It has been great to see the children return fit and healthy with refreshed drive to succeed. This week has seen the introduction of Reading Ambassadors who will work alongside Miss Hill to deliver reading experiences which motivate and engage our learners. One of the first tasks allocated to our new ambassadors was to draw a winner from the participants of the reading survey – congratulations to Caroline Loader (Ruby's mum) who won a book token and a sweet treat!



Reading Ambassadors: Holly, Ben, Millie and Freddie

Reading Ambassador news...

On Friday 24th January, our School Library will be having a small make-over. If you are available to help with labelling and organising books, it would be truly appreciated! Please let the School Office know if you can help with one or all of the following slots: 9.30-11.00/ 11.00- 12.30/ 1.30-3.00 Thank you in advance!

Thank you to all those parents who replied to the reading questionnaire. The results of the survey, coupled with all the children's responses to some key questions, have given us food for thought and we will shortly be sharing with you this year's development plan which has a strand devoted to reading.



We are looking for volunteers to remove **two wooden structures** from our school site (the train and a seat) which are no longer fit for purpose. If you could help with this please let the school office know.



The school clubs letter was sent through parent mail at the beginning of the week. There are a good range of activities on offer. You will see that **homework club has moved to a Tuesday** after school. This is due to staff training, but it will return to Thursdays in the summer term.

Dates are being sent out today as a hard copy. Please be aware these may be subject to change. There will be three class assemblies this term followed by Ladybirds in the summer term and, of course, our 'Leavers assembly' at the end of the year.



This half term one of the PE sessions for years 1,2,3 and 4 is being led by a Dorset coach who is introducing squash to our children.



CHANCE TO SHINE
Spreading the power of cricket

Years R,1 and 2 have also had coaching from Dorset Cricket's 'Chance to Shine' initiative. This will be a 6 week programme.

Our Learning

In Ladybirds this week, we have been thinking of marvellous questions for our new 999 theme.

In Bumblebees this week, we have generating ideas for characters which we will programme using coding skills.

In Grasshoppers this week, we have been looking at animal groups and how animals are suited to different environments.

In Scorpions this week we have discovered the theme of our next unit through an archaeological investigation – let's just say what we were investigating caused a lot of shock and excitement!

Key dates:

Monday 13th January Clubs start

Friday 17th January Parents and Friends meeting @9am (all welcome)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rachael Musselwhite'.

Mrs Rachael Musselwhite (Headteacher)