



IF WE BELIEVE, WE CAN ACHIEVE

Newsletter 5 Friday 4th October 2019

Dear Parents/ Carers,

There was a certain buzz about the school on Wednesday this week as children came to terms with the idea that we would be learning without pens and pencils for the whole day – teachers included! As a result the children took part in a range of practical activities and explored how they could demonstrate their learning in different ways.

Yesterday was National Poetry Day and many of the children have learnt poems off by heart and performed them for others. I have extended a challenge to all the children to come and recite a poem to me next week for a dojo!



Final amount raised was £368.80. A terrific result!



If you would be interested in working as a supervisor with our 'Allsorts' team please see details on Parentmail.



The Parents and Friends Association will be selling snacks on a Tuesday after school. All items will be priced between 20p and 50p.



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Miss Hill has asked if parents could donate empty 4litre and 6litre milk bottles for a secret project in year 2.



Hot chocolate Friday!



Grasshopper art work



As a school we are very mindful of how resilient our pupils need to be in today's society. As part of being a Jigsaw flagship school we have taken on a resilience project that helps us focus on specific targets for our learners. When I asked a Scorpion pupil what resilience means they said, "Life can knock you down sometimes but the trick is knowing how to get back up again."

Top tips for building resilience include getting enough sleep, exercising, having some quiet relaxing time and finding ways to express feelings openly, recognising how you can help yourself. We will work on this as a whole school community.

Our Learning

In Ladybirds this week, we have been searching for Cinderella so that she can come to our Ball.

In Bumblebees this week, we have been investigating the myth of the Loch Ness Monster as well as designing our own tartan!

In Grasshoppers this week, we have completed our Great Fire of London Diaries. Finally, the fire is out!

In Scorpions this week, we have been planning and beginning our dilemma stories set in the rainforest.

Photos from No Pens Wednesday



Handwriting with brushes



Problem solving with Numicon



Performance poetry

Key dates:

Wednesday 9th - Friday 11th October

Year 4 residential at Leeson House

Wednesday 9th October

Year 3 Squash Festival – Ferndown (details to follow)

Thursday 10th October

Year 3 Dance Festival

Wednesday 23rd October

Harvest Service at the church – 9:30am

Thursday 24th October

Open morning for prospective parents

Friday 25th October

INSET DAY

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Rachael Musselwhite

Headteacher