



IF WE BELIEVE, WE CAN ACHIEVE

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

Dear parents and carers,

Last weekend a group of parent and scout volunteers set to work on our school grounds to tidy, spruce and stain the environment in readiness for the summer months so that our children can enjoy the benefits of their surroundings. Thank you to all those who took part – your help made such a difference.



We have had a sort out of the EYFS ride on toys. If you or your friends have any ride on vehicles in good condition we would be very interested in buying them. We need 2 or 3 for the adventurers' class.

This week saw the Adventurers setting off for the first of their visits to Launceston Farm where they pond dipped, fed the pigs and made their own bread. They had an amazing time and we are so lucky to have this resource on our doorstep!





We have been very pleased to hear about Ivy's trampolining success and her sportsmanship during the South West Regional Club Trampolining Finals . She was placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the 9-10 level 2 category and came away with a gold medal. It is always lovely to see how sharing her success motivates others. Well done, Ivy!



### A snapshot of learning for this week:

**In Explorers** we have enjoyed caring for our environment, planting various flowers and vegetables in our outdoor area. We've also planted our own sunflower and can't wait to see the process, along with reading the book planting a rainbow. 🌻



**In Adventurers** we have been thinking about their question, do all plants start as seeds? We have enjoyed looking at seed packets to find out how to grow out seeds and followed instructions to plant our own cress seeds. We also had a great time at Launceston Farm on our trip where we did some pond dipping to see what minibeasts lived in the pond on the farm, we made our own bread rolls, fed the pigs and had a 'butter rave' where we had to shake cream in a jar to music until it turned to butter. We had so much fun!



**In Voyagers** we have been looking at a time line of our British history, going all the way back to the dinosaurs. We completed a chronology investigation and the children were then given clues that they had to link together to determine our new theme. They were brilliant at using the knowledge that they knew drawing their own conclusions and discovering that 'The Great Fire of London' was their next theme.

**In Navigators** we have been creating our own character based on 'The Lost Thing' and have written a creative explanation of all its special features. We are very lucky to have Miss B supporting in Navigators who is a journalist and has written many news articles for some of the large newspapers in the UK. We couldn't miss an opportunity to share some of her work and to inspire the children to write their own news report. This week we have begun planning our news story using the 5 W's. In science, we have been investigating push/ pull contact forces and are preparing to design our own investigation on friction.

#### A snapshot of learning for next week:

**In Explorers** we will be basing our explorations around dens!

**In Adventurers** we will be answering our theme question, can we grow a pineapple? We will be thinking about where in the world different foods come from.

**In Voyagers** we will be discovering where and when the fire started, while continuing to use our detective skills to explain how the blaze started. For this they will be looking at what life was like in 1666 and the conditions people lived in.

**In Navigators** we will be continuing to write our news report and presenting it with a snappy headline and quotes from eye witnesses! We will also be setting up and conducting our experiment to test friction of different surfaces and exploring the art of M.C. Escher in more detail and creating more optical art.

**Bags 2 School -A reminder that the date for collection is 15<sup>th</sup> May**

#### Safety information from the National College (see flyer)

Traffic-related incidents are a major risk for young pedestrians and cyclists - which is why it's so important to equip children with the skills they need to stay safe. This week's guide shares practical advice like making 'practice' journeys, wearing reflective clothing and staying focused near roads. From spotting quieter electric vehicles to crossing safely at designated points, the guide is packed with tips to keep young road users visible, vigilant and secure.

Upcoming Dates (new dates added)

[Please note that dates for the year ahead are on the school website including Christmas performance/ sports day and the calendar will be updated regularly as new activities/events become available to us]

Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Bag to School collection
	School Disco (5pm - 6:30pm)
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3 and Y4 event at the Larmer Tree
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 3 and 4 trip to perform with the Bournemouth
Symphony Orchestra (BSO)	
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	HALF TERM
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 Striking and Fielding event with HAT schools
	New parent meeting
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Transfer Day
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Larmer Tree Project (visiting musicians)
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	HAT music experience for KS2 (visiting musicians from Royal College of Music) hosted at Sixpenny
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y4 swimming gala (8 chn Y3/4)
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fete
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3 and Y4 Larmer Tree Festival
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Explorers Leavers' Party (3:30pm - 4:30pm)
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Leavers' Assembly 9:15am
	Leavers' party 3pm -5:30pm

Kind regards,



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