



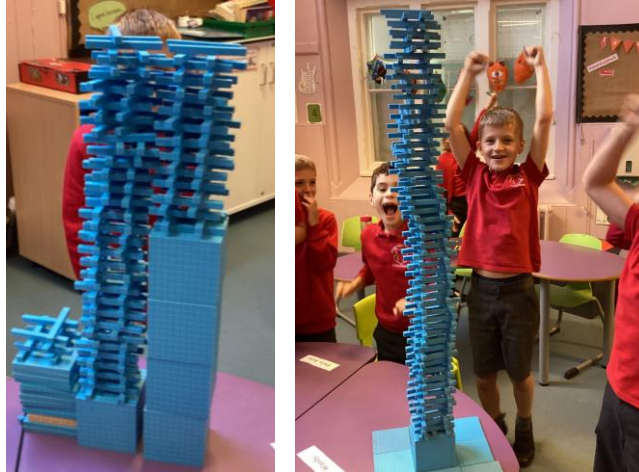
## IF WE BELIEVE, WE CAN ACHIEVE

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

Dear parents and carers,

A rather wet week, but thankfully, it didn't get in the way of our learning and the couple of wet playtimes were enjoyed by all as a chance to explore the games provided for each class by P&F fundraising.

Just look at what some of our older children created from maths manipulatives!! Then we asked them to total the number of cubes used!



### Sickness

A reminder please that following sickness or diarrhoea we ask that children have **48hours** at home before they return to school.

### Allsorts and Breakfast Club

The new 'Bookwhen' system for Allsorts has now been in place for a number of weeks and was put in place to significantly reduce administration hours for the office. We are unable to refund or swap sessions unless it is as a direct result of something on our part (e.g. clubs/trips) but would remind parents that you can book up to 1pm on the day you require or for the following morning.



### School Grounds morning

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September we will be having a school grounds morning and we would really appreciate the help of as many families as possible to help get our grounds ready for the year ahead. With tight budgets this is an area that I feel strongly should not be neglected and there are a number of jobs that we need to do annually to keep things in good repair. If you feel you could help for an hour or two, please sign up on the parent mail form. If you can bring a wheelbarrow or gardening tools that would also be helpful. Thank you

### Fun Run

Thank you to those parents who have signed their children up for the fun run and agreed to transport them. Parents can park in the car park at the school and I will meet with children on the field. Please wear school PE kits and take water bottles.

### Well-being experiences for all our children

As part of our strategy to develop well-being we are taking up offers from local businesses to provide free enjoyable experiences for each year group. This will start with the year 4 children who have been invited to a promotional experience at Moors Valley on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October to take part in their new 'Adventure Valley'. More details will follow shortly.

Year 3 will be completing a literacy unit based on 'Minions – The Rise of Gru' during the Leeson House week which will be followed by a cinema trip to the Everyman cinema in Salisbury to see the film – free of charge!

The experiences for the other year groups are being developed for the Spring term so watch this space!!

### Parents and Friends

A reminder that is the Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. We will be sending home plates and a message from RRS ambassadors asking for donations. It would be lovely to see other members of our community too, so please spread the word!!

The 'Bag to School' flyer is attached to this newsletter so you can start collecting items for this fundraiser on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October. If you would like additional bags for family members, please ask at the office.

### Requests!!

- If you have any all in one water proofs or waterproof trousers that would be suitable for 5 and 6 year olds we would be very grateful to receive them and use for Forest School in Adventurers.
- Adventurers would be grateful for any cardboard boxes (helmet sized!).
- Allsorts would appreciate and small world play

### A snapshot of learning for this week:

**Explorers** have been finding out about mushrooms week. They have practised their chopping skills and tasted mushroom prepared in different ways. Mushroom stamps were a great success too!



**Adventurers** have been exploring our feelings with the Colour Monsters. We have made colour monster potions, listened to music and linked this to the way it makes us feel and shared ideas through pictures and sounds. Tuesday was chip day!! We worked as a team to clean, peel, chop, cook and turn the potatoes we discovered in our outdoor area into chips! They were delicious!



**Voyagers have** been learning a song about the United Kingdom, making flags and have also built a puzzle map of the UK. In Forest schools we made stickmen and took our sticks on a trail of the school to explore sounds and rhythmic patterns.



**Navigators and Pioneers have been** working on structuring arguments and role played a 'conscience alley' about logging in the rainforest. They have also been introduced to lines of latitude and longitude and how they can be used to locate a position on the map. In science they have looked at habitats commonly found in the UK.

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

**In Explorers we will be** basing our learning around the theme of sticks.

**In Adventurers we will be** welcoming some very special, mystery visitors to our classroom!! Watch this space to find out more...I wonder if they will help us to answer our focus question for next week....what comes from an egg?

**In Voyagers we will be** baking chelsea buns and completing some activities based on St George and the Dragon.

**In Navigators and Pioneers we will be** classifying animals with some of own creative ideas. We will be revising numbers to 31 in French and in art we will be exploring tonal variations in the colour green.

**Upcoming Dates**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September** Macmillan Coffee morning

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September** School Grounds Morning (all families/extended families welcome!)

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October** Sports Ambassador training @ Ferndown Upper School

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October** Whole School Flu immunisation

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October** Year 4 wellbeing trip (details to follow shortly!!)

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** Shoebox Assembly to launch Christmas appeal

**Year 3 and 4 Fun Run @ St Michael's Middle School 4pm**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** INSET DAY

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** HALF TERM

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October** INSET DAY

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October** Back to School

Kind regards,



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