



**IF WE BELIEVE, WE CAN ACHIEVE**

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

Dear parents and carers,

This has been one of our busiest weeks so far this year with visits to Moors Valley Country Park, shoebox packing, anti-bullying week and Children in Need. Both the RRS ambassadors and School Parliament have been busy alongside staff organising events and promoting the values of their elected bodies. A big thank you from me to everyone concerned.

The Moors Valley Country Park visits were the talk of everyone especially the driving experience and I would like to thank Emma Reeks and her team for inviting us and providing lunches for all – in the words of one year 4 on Tuesday “When you’re having so much fun , you don’t really mind the rain do you?....”



**Shoebox packing**

RRS ambassadors had a busy Thursday afternoon when the whole school embarked collaboratively on packing shoeboxes for our appeal. There was a wonderful array of gifts and the children spent time carefully selecting their gifts for each age group. Great fun was had by everyone and we will update you next week on the grand total! If you have any remaining contributions including children’s toothpaste, adult chocs/sweets and children or adults hats/scarves/gloves they would be greatly appreciated.



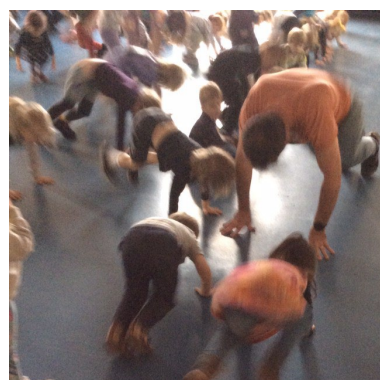
### Odd socks assembly launch!

This week is always an opportunity to revisit the definition of bullying and to reflect on what makes someone bully someone else. However, it is important to know that our relationships with others and how we behave is embedded in our curriculum throughout the year in Jigsaw and through our school learning behaviours and if your child speaks to you about behaviour that makes them feel sad or uncomfortable, please let your class teacher know through the school office email so that we can respond in a timely manner. It is also good to hear about how children support each other so don't forget you can award dojos (a box is available in the office lobby) to children throughout the school for being kind and supportive! Thank you.



### Children in Need

Great fun was had by all on Friday as they celebrated this annual fundraiser. Winners of the colouring competition won fabulous Pudsey bear t-shirts and the whole school took part in the 'Bearpees' challenge. In total we raised £220.65. Well done everyone!



### Friday Fine Diners

Congratulations to our fine diners this week who dined with Mrs Hampshire this week. They were chosen by their teachers to bring along a friend for displaying the qualities of our Jigsaw learning this week.





### Christmas jumper request

**If you have any children's Christmas jumpers that no longer fit your child, we thought it might be good to have a jumper swap this week! The swap will be before and after school on Thursday.**

### A snapshot of learning for this week:

**Explorers** have read 'Leaf Man' by Lois Ehlert and created their own leaf man for a puppet show. An Autumn scavenger walk led to some great leaf finds and then we had fun joining the school for the 'Bearpees' challenge for children in need!



**Adventurers** wore our odd socks with pride on Monday to celebrate how unique we all are and joined in with maturity as the whole school thought about the importance of making a noise about bullying and showing that it is not welcome. This week we have explored light and how it is used in celebrations. We have created rangoli patterns with rice and chalk, decorated Diwali greetings cards and have set to work making our own Diya Lamps..



**Voyagers** have found out about the planet Mercury and also had the time of their lives at Moor's Valley!

**Navigators and Pioneers** have been creating some pop-up devices in DT, playing some French games linked to our French story and followed the themes set for anti-bullying week.

### A snapshot of learning for next week:

**Explorers** will be learning about robins.

**The Adventurers** would like to find out about tools and what they can be used for. We have a workbench in our classroom and are intrigued about this!

**Voyagers will** find out about Venus and write a newspaper article about 'Laika'- the first dog in space!

**Navigators and Pioneers will be** writing thank you letters to Leeson House and Moors Valley Country Park, learn how habitats change due to the seasons and exploring our roles in the play through drama exercises and activities.

**Upcoming Dates**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** Year 3 well being trip to the Everyman Cinema (Salisbury)

**Thursday 30th November** Whole School Visit to the Pantomime

**Friday 1st December** Whole School Decoration Day (Wear Christmas jumpers) Mufti - Items for Christmas Hampers

**Thursday 7th December** Christmas Bingo at the Village Hall Friday 8th December Film Night and hotdogs (P&F fundraiser)

**Monday 11th December** Nursery, Year R and Year 1 Nativity Production at the church 1:30pm and 6pm

**Wednesday 13th December** Christmas Lunch

**Thursday 14th December** Years 2,3 and 4 production of 'The Wind in the Willows' 1:15pm and 6:30pm in the school hall

**Tuesday January 2nd/ Wednesday January 3rd** **INSET DAYS**

**Thursday 4th January** Back in School

Kind regards,



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