



IF WE BELIEVE, WE CAN ACHIEVE

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

Dear parents and carers,

Lots of exciting resources have been arriving this week from iPads, to picture books, new RWInc resources and some new red tokens that will be explained at each reading launch (no spoilers!). Please could we ask you to sign up if you are able to join us at your year group's session for this launch – we hope it will be a useful and enjoyable opportunity to find out more about what happens in school and how your child is supported to become a fluent reader.



New entrance for Explorers!

Explorers are very proud of their new entrance and thoroughly enjoyed watching the building process!

We now have a security key pad and taller fencing but it still feels open to sunlight!

Places are filling up quickly at Nursery especially as the new funding starts for 2 year-olds with working parents. If you know of any parents locally with rising 2 year-olds please encourage them to contact the school office to avoid disappointment.



about having layers!

On Mondays the children are outside for an hour at forest schools and it is **essential** that they are dressed in warm outdoor appropriate clothing. We are very happy for children to come dressed in readiness and wear their forest school clothing for the day if that helps. Please be aware that tracksuit bottoms are more suitable than jeans and it is essentially

School Uniform

A friendly reminder please to ensure your child has named uniform and is wearing suitable school shoes.

Thank you.



Parents and Friends

If you are a fan of the Ibiza Classics (!) then you will be keen to know that tickets are now available for the parents' disco on Saturday 2nd February from 8pm -11:30pm at the village hall. This was a popular fundraising event last year and tickets cost just £5 and can be purchased via the school office or Clarkes the butchers or the Penny Tap. (Flyer attached).

More dates are being added to the online calendar on our website so please have a quick look and if you feel able to help out in any way, please let any of the committee know as they will be only too pleased to gather additional support.

A snapshot of learning for this week:

Explorers have been learning all about ice this week.



This week, in Adventurers we have continued to explore winter by thinking about the moon...spotting the moon, finding out and sharing facts and exploring non-fiction books. We were inspired by Van Gogh's artwork, *Starry Night* and created our own spirals after colour mixing paint. We have been playing games in maths to explore 1 more and 1 less and to explore the composition of 5. We also had a visit from a dental nurse to help start our brushing once a day in school with our new tooth brushes.



Voyagers have launched their new theme and turned themselves into Superheroes!

In Navigators and Pioneers we have investigated who the Romans were and discussed questions of enquiry about our theme. We linked our timeline learning in history to map the story setting of our favourite 5 book 'I was a rat!' in literacy and experimented with charcoal to show different textures. Our art work is building to a project where the children will illustrate a text showing emotion and characterisation.



A snapshot of learning for next week:

In Explorers we will be basing our activities around a mountain theme!

In Adventurers we will be following our interests with the ice we have had fun spotting outside this week! We will be trying to answer our question...how cold is ice?

In Voyagers we will be writing character profiles for our superheroes beginning our science work on materials!

In Navigators and Pioneers we are going to be learning how the Romans built their empire. We will be using charcoal to illustrate a scene from 'I was a Rat' and conducting a science experiment to test how well acids and alkaline substances clean coins.

Upcoming Dates (Please see website dates which cover dates upto July)

Wednesday 24th January Reading launch for YR,Y1 and Y2 9am-10am

Wednesday 31st January Reading launch for Y3 and Y4

Skateboarding and scooter workshops for Reception-Y4

Friday February 2nd NSPCC Number Day

Monday 5th February Safety Week

Monday 12th February HALF TERM

Monday 19th February INSET (School closed)

Wednesday 21st February Music concert (Instrumentalists) 2pm

Monday 4th March Fairtrade Fortnight

Thursday 7th March World Book Day

Monday 11th March Focus on Science/STEM week

Wednesday 13th March Years 1 and 2 Visit to Wimborne Museum

Tuesday March 26th Years 3 and 4 Visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace

Kind regards,



Mrs Rachael Musselwhite (Headteacher)