



IF WE BELIEVE, WE CAN ACHIEVE

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

Dear parents and carers,

Today we bid a fond farewell to the chicks in reception – we have learnt so much but it is time for them to move on to new homes.



Years 3 and 4 have been trialling a new wellbeing app (we are the 2nd school in Dorset to have this). The best way to describe it is to imagine the electronic 'check ins' in a surgery with each child having their own portal. They can then record how they feel coming into school and after lunch and attribute their feelings (positive and negative) to events in school, at home or online. This allows the older children a little more anonymity and means we can respond quickly and appropriately to any concerns.

Thanks to your fundraising, we have a number of good quality garden benches and tables on the field. Please could I ask for some volunteers to help move them onto the playground – they are quite heavy!

Next week we have our harvest festival on Wednesday at 9am in school. Parents are welcome to attend and we ask each child to bring a donation for the Trussell Trust foodbank (see list below):

Food items

- UHT milk
- Tinned meat (hotdogs, meatballs etc.)
- Tinned fish
- Tinned fruit
- Sponge/rice puddings
- Coffee (small jars)
- Long-life juice
- Pasta sauce
- Tinned veg (potatoes, carrots, green beans, tomatoes)
- Tinned meals (spaghetti, chicken or veg curries, chilli)
- Tinned soup
- Jam and spreads

Non food items

- Shower gel
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Deodorant
- Toilet rolls
- Washing up liquid
- Laundry detergent pods
- Sanitary products
- Nappies

A snapshot of learning for this week:

Explorers have been finding out about spiders and have gone on an Autumn walk to spot webs, made hand puppets and explored Incy-Wincy Spider in their tough tray. We have enjoyed reading and re-reading *The Very Busy Spider*. Today we welcomed back Mrs Pike and we are pleased to see her back; healthy and full of enthusiasm!



Adventurers have explored why Autumn is Autumn and have used our senses to discover this season. We went for an Autumn walk around the village, have written our own Autumn poems and have even thought about further afield, finding out about Autumn around the world. The chicks have of course been a highlight of our week and we have been blown away by the enthusiasm and responsibility the Adventurers have all shown. The daily observations, care and chick conversations have shown awe and wonder at their best! There have been many giggles taking care of our chatty, inquisitive and very speedy chicks.



Voyagers have been making maps of our classroom and a story map of Rosie's Walk.

Navigators and Pioneers have been proof reading, editing and improving our writing about the Great Kapok Tree. We have also been writing poetry about the rainforest. We have been drawing self-portraits, focusing on detail and using balances and jumps to create a gymnastic routine.



A snapshot of learning for next week:

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

In Adventurers we will continue our Autumnal theme and move on to finding out what a Harvest Festival is. We will be doing a little bit of research before taking part in our school Harvest Festival to help join all our learning together.

In Voyagers we will be classifying British trees and venturing for an Irish twist.

In Navigators and Pioneers we will be investigating how living things adapt to their habitat, looking at different non-fiction texts and retrieving and recording important information, and presenting our learning about the rainforest using presentation software.

Upcoming Dates

Monday 9th October Sports Ambassador training @ Ferndown Upper School

Thursday 12th October Whole School Flu immunisation

8am Bag 2 School collection

Friday 13th October Year 4 wellbeing trip (details to follow shortly!!)

Wednesday 18th October Shoebox Assembly to launch Christmas appeal

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

Thursday 19th October Year 1 maths information evening 6pm

Friday 20th October INSET DAY

Monday 23rd October HALF TERM

Monday 30th October INSET DAY

Tuesday 31st October Back to School

Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd November Parents Evening in school (see calendar on website)

Kind regards,



Mrs Rachael Musselwhite (Headteacher)