



IF WE BELIEVE, WE CAN ACHIEVE

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

Dear parents and carers,

Richard Parsons joined us in our assembly yesterday to launch the shoebox initiative and I know Mrs Hampshire sent home a letter via parentmail yesterday giving information. We would really like to send 100 boxes so if you know of any friends or relatives who would like to send in donations, we would be happy to pack boxes for them. We have a willing group of parents who always help with wrapping but if you are able to wrap boxes this would be very helpful!



Christmas Cards

The children are bringing home their Christmas card designs today!

If you wish to place an order, please fill in the form and return it to school on **Tuesday 31st October**. Payments can be made directly into the Parents and Friends bank account:

Sort Code: 30-91-91

Account number: 51571660

Use your child's surname and 'cards' as reference.

All orders must be placed by 3pm on Tuesday 31st October

Polite request re school bags!!

As they say, a picture paints a thousand words!!



Year R cloakroom

Our school pegs are struggling to support the number of large bags being brought into school simply because there is not enough space and we would really appreciate parent support where possible in bringing just the following to school:

- School Bookbag
- Water bottle
- Packed lunch (if needed)

Wellies and PE bags should remain in school during the week. (From next half term children will **all** change after PE and kits will just come home on a Friday for washing). We hope this will help children with organisation so they can actually see their peg!! Thank you for your understanding.

Raffle Tickets

Parents and Friends will be attending the Scout's Bonfire Night (see flyer attached) and their stall will be selling raffle tickets (**Win a Family Ticket to Camp Bestival**) and other goodies. Please support the school if you can by buying some raffle tickets that will have come home with your child today.

Food vouchers

Food vouchers have been issued to those families in receipt of pupil premium. If your family circumstances meet the requirements for this additional funding your child may be entitled to extra funding in school. Please follow this link if you think you might meet the criteria. <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/at-school/pupil-premium>

A snapshot of learning for this week:

Explorers have been exploring all about pumpkins; making pumpkin soup, trying roasted pumpkin seeds, enjoying a pumpkin slime tough tray and reading one of their favourite 5's 'Pumpkin Soup' by Helen Cooper.



Adventurers have had an exciting space adventure! As part of Black History Month, we set ourselves the challenge to actually find out what history is! We explored some photos of our school from the past and were detectives, thinking about how we knew this had already happened and was history. Using our favourite five text, Look Up, we found out more about the first African American woman to go to space, Mae Jemison. The children were inspired by her and we set out to make our own space helmets to think about what it would be like to travel to space. Some of us are happy to keep our feet firmly on the ground but loved finding out all about it!



Voyagers have been finding out all about Scotland and put together a poster of all they had found out. In geography they have been revisiting physical and human features of maps and then added features to their own maps.

Navigators and Pioneers have been completing work in English based around the book 'Where the forest meets the sea'. We have also considered how the position of the tropics relate to rainforest biomes. Our art work will continue after half term as it was put on hold for Christmas card designs.

A snapshot of learning after half term:

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

In Adventurers we will be introducing our new Favourite Five texts. We have had a chat this week about what we think next half term has in store...., fire, winter, snow, cold...and of course Christmas! We can't wait!

In Voyagers we will be visiting Wales and finishing work on our current theme.

In Navigators and Pioneers we will be moving onto examine the different layers of rainforest and a final piece of work on showing what we have learnt so far. We will also be following an English unit based on Anthony Brown's 'Into the Forest'.

Upcoming Dates (All dates on school calendar on website)

Monday 23rd October HALF TERM

Monday 30th October INSET DAY

Tuesday 31st October Back to School (Bring Christmas card order sheets)

Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd November Parents Evening in school (Appointment times have been sent on parentmail)

Thursday 2nd November Final meeting for Leeson House -3pm

Monday 6th November Nursery Rhyme Week (Explorers and Adventurers)

Wednesday 8th –Friday 10th November Year 4 residential to Leeson House

Monday 13th November Odd socks day to mark the start of Anti-Bullying week

Tuesday 14th November Year 4 visit to Moors Valley Country Park

Thursday 16th November Y3/4 football festival

Friday 17th November Children in Need

Thursday 30th November Whole School Visit to the Pantomime

Friday 31st November Whole School Decoration Day

Mufti - Items for Christmas Hampers

Thursday 7th December Christmas Bingo at the Village Hall

Friday 8th December Film Night and hotdogs (P&F fundraiser)

Kind regards,



Mrs Rachael Musselwhite (Headteacher)