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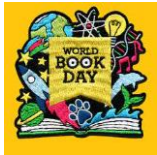
Dear parents and carers,

It has been a busy week with visits and theme days in some year groups. It was wonderful to see how enthusiastic the Adventurers were on their visit to Launceston Farm and how much they learnt in just a morning!



Likewise, in Voyagers, there was a very austere atmosphere (well Miss Hill tried her best!!) as the children experienced the life of a school child in Victorian times. They paid their penny to enter school and there was even a chimney sweep in their midst. This type of experience has so much meaning in our setting with its historical links.





Next week is World Book Day and the theme in school this year is books from around the world. Miss Hill has designed a day based around books from different continents so has asked that children come dressed to travel. Passports will be issued and there is an early morning flight at 9am from the hall!!

School Parliament Ambassadors

Our ambassadors have written to the parents and friends requesting some additional funding to resource play items at breaktimes. They have received a couple of donations from families based on the request in the newsletter last week but would like to ask people to look out for the following:

- Hobby horses
- Dressing up costumes 5-8 yrs
- Puppets

Parents and friends



A reminder that Bag to School week is next week if you want a bit of a Spring sort of clothes and fabrics. Bags need to be back in school on Tuesday 5th March so they can be collected on the morning of Wednesday 6th March. A request also for raffle prizes. If you have any, please place them in the donation basket outside the office. Finally, please see the attached flyer about the Mother's Day sale next week where your children can purchase a gift for their mums. Thank you.



I have attached details on this parentmail of the Starfest 2024 festival as it an event packed full of activities for families over the Easter holidays. Free activities include planetarium sessions, talks, storytelling, workshops and stargazing and can be booked through a link in the PDF.

A snapshot of learning for this week:

Explorers have had fun exploring minibeasts this week. They have explored many different mediums including clay and learnt all sorts of facts about insects.



This week, in Adventurers have been on an exciting trip to Launceston Farm! We spent a lovely sunny morning exploring the farm, spotting machinery and animals and spending some time in a field of wheat doing a worm survey! This has been a brilliant start to our learning about minibeasts and back in the classroom we have enjoyed creating props and acting out our Favourite Five text, 'Hip Hop Minibeast Bop'. In Maths we have been doubling and finding totals this week and this has certainly helped when counting legs on an insect!



Voyagers have written comical letters, imagining they are a story character in 'Dear Mother Goose'. They also had a taste of school life in the Victorian times and created their own 'thaumatrope' (optical illusion toy) as well as saffron buns (an English Heritage recipe).



In Navigators and Pioneers we have written fabulous setting descriptions about Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius using fronted adverbials and expanded non phrases, learnt about Boudicca and her rebellion and begun exploring mosaics.

A snapshot of learning for next week:

Explorers will be learning about caterpillars.

Next week the Adventurers will be trying to answer our question...what is the difference between a cat and a bird? I wonder whether another of our Favourite Five texts can help us....?

Voyagers will be creating a timeline and beginning an art unit on drawing portraits. They will also have fun travelling the world on World Book Day.

Navigators and Pioneers will be learning about the different types of volcano and naming the main parts, creating our own version of artwork using mosaics, and looking at features of a newspaper report.

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

Wednesday 6th March Bag to School Event

Thursday 7th March World Book Day (Dress ready to travel to different countries – letter sent by Miss Hill earlier this week!)

Monday 11th March Focus on Science/STEM week
Meeting for Y3 parents re residential next year

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

Friday 15th March Comic Relief

Thursday 21st March Year 4 Team Games Event at St Mary's First School

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

Wednesday 27th March Year 4 Tag Rugby at CMS

Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April EASTER HOLIDAYS

Thursday 18th April Computing workshop for parents/ Internet safety Q&A

Tuesday 30th April Year 1 and 2 visit to The Etches Exhibition

Kind regards,

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