



IF WE BELIEVE, WE CAN ACHIEVE

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Dear parents and carers,

It was lovely to see parents at the reading event this week and children have come into school keen to earn their red tokens! The second event is on Wednesday for KS2 and we look forward to welcoming parents and carers for the update. Copies of the presentations will be put on our website. The new reading at home initiative got off to a strong start today



As part of the reading initiative we will be opening our library up on 2 afternoons (Monday and Friday @3pm) if parents would like to come and change books and spend some time browsing. Please ensure you sign out books using your child's library card.

This week we have attached membership forms for the tennis club if families are interested in joining. The prices have not increased from last year. Also please see below a

link to forest school days at half term from Forest Yogi Minds (our provider in school).

<https://bookwhen.com/forestyogiminds/e/ev-sxf1-20240216000000>

NSPCC number day

Next Friday we will be supporting this national event to raise money for the NSPCC.

Children are invited to wear non-school uniform and donate a £1.00 for the charity.

During the day the children will take part in maths activities in the style of an escape room. This will unlock codes and a final digit to release 'Golden Time'. Mr Read will be sending out more details shortly.



Rental request

A family viewed our school last week and would very much like to move into our area to secure places for their children. If you are aware of any rental opportunities locally that we could share we would be very grateful.

Childminding

As with the request above, one of the questions asked by parents of under 2's is what childcare provision can they access locally for their children. If you know of childminders or are considering setting up your own business, please let the office know so we can pass on details for parents to consider.



Parents and Friends

Tickets are still available for the Ibiza Classics Disco on Saturday 2nd February from 8pm -11:30pm at the village hall.

On Friday 9th February we will have our annual Valentine's cake sale. Please send contributions on the day. Children are welcome to come in mufti (red or otherwise).

A snapshot of learning for this week:

Explorers have been learning all about mountains this week. From baking to junk modelling and painting they've been super busy!



This week, in Adventurers has been full of investigations and discoveries! We have explored thermometers and discovered temperatures. We've used our fine motor skills to build ice towers with tweezers, melt ice in a variety of ways and have succeeded in making our own slushies without even putting them in a freezer...they were delicious! In maths we have put our weighing skills to the test. Using a balance scale we could work out how much of each ingredient we needed to bake cupcakes. Everything had to be equal to the weight of the egg!



Voyagers have enjoyed printing with their hands and feet in art and then drawing flowers over their prints and also created a profile for their superheroes.



In Navigators and Pioneers we have learnt how the Romans built their empire and how far the empire reached across Europe and Africa. We used charcoal to illustrate a scene from 'I was a Rat' and conducted a science experiment to test how well acids and alkaline substances clean coins.



A snapshot of learning for next week:

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

In Adventurers we will be finding out about Chinese New Year celebrations, to help us answer our question...why is 2024 the Year of the Dragon?

In Voyagers we will be making superhero comic strips and attempting to crack some number codes on Friday for NSPCC Number Day. They also can't wait to try some skateboarding!

In Navigators and Pioneers

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

Wednesday 31st January Reading launch for Y3 and Y4

Skateboarding and scooter workshops for Reception-Y4

Friday February 2nd NSPCC Number Day (non- school uniform for a £1.00 donation)

Monday 5th February Safety Week

Friday 9th February Valentines Cake Sale 3pm in school hall (Mufti and cakes please!)

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

Tuesday April 30th Y1 and 2 visit to the Etches Collection in Kimmeridge

Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April EASTER HOLIDAYS

Kind regards,



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