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Newsletter 17 – 13th January 2023

Class News

- Nursery - have enjoyed creating character masks from our story, Little Red Riding Hood!
- YR - have worked hard in groups this week to make towers using different resources! Some of the resources used made it tricky to make the tower, but didn't give up!
- Y1 - have been investigating the differences between carnivores, herbivore and omnivores in their Science sessions this week
- Y2 - really enjoyed their Science looking at the different materials that are used around our school and discussing their properties
- Y3 - enjoyed learning how to build shelters in their Bushcraft session
- Y4 - have enjoyed exploring the four layers of rainforests around the world in their Geography sessions
- Y5 - have found learning about river systems fascinating and are now able to explain the different stages from source to mouth
- Y6 - have loved learning about Charles Darwin and his life's achievements

Dear Parents,

Another busy week, the children are making good progress in all aspects of school life with lots to look forward to! Don't forget teacher led after school clubs start next week!

Reminders

Uniform

- Children should be wearing black school shoes (trainers are creeping back in)

A reminder about the policy on hair

- Long (shoulder length) hair should be tied back and hair accessories should be minimal and plain
- Children (during term time) should not have fashion hairstyles which include shaved, dyed/streaked hair, patterns, lines and tramlines
- Hair braids should not be worn

It has been noticed that some children are having 'lines' cut into their hair. These should be allowed to grow out/cut out.

Rotary Photography Competition

We will be taking part in an exciting opportunity for our budding photographers, the 10th Rotary Interschool Photography Competition, with 18 schools from across Hampshire, Dorset and Wiltshire. Entries must be sent as names J-PEG attachment by Friday 24th February At the end of this competition an exhibition showcasing the best of the work will be showed at the New Forest Heritage Centre gallery with an official awards ceremony will take place on Friday 6th May. This year's theme is 'New Beginnings'. Please see attached poster for more information.

Subject Update – Maths

We are continuing to follow a system of teaching mastery in maths through our use of the Inspire Maths programme. The learning is carefully structured through concrete (practical objects), pictorial (using pictures) and abstract (formal written methods) methods to ensure children develop a deep conceptual understanding of maths. Collaborative and independent opportunities are provided to help the children to deepen their understanding and to justify and explain their thinking. The children also participate in daily arithmetic opportunities to develop their knowledge and fluency of number facts.

NSPCC Number Day

On Friday 3rd February we will be supporting the NSPCC's Number Day. The children are invited to come into school wearing clothes that have a mathematical theme, e.g. displaying numbers, shapes, repeating patterns, etc. The children will be spending the day taking part in mathematical challenges and activities and will also be using their maths skills to do some baking. Please could the children to bring in a donation to support this very important charity.

Value of the week: Aspiration

We have been exploring what our school value aspiration means and in KS2 our discussion point was "Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss you'll land among the stars" by Les Brown. It prompted some excellent discussions. KS1 talked about what our hopes of achieving something are and why it is important to have hopes and dreams.



Online Safety

World of Warcraft is a video game that launched back in 2004. The most recent version, Dragonflight, launched in November and is the game's ninth major expansion. This week's guide includes tips on a number of possible risks, such as the potential for online addiction, in-game purchases and simulated violence.

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Dates for Diary

January

W/C 16th – 20th Teacher Led Clubs start
Bags2Schools

February

3rd NSPCC Number Day
9th Talent Show (SISA)
13th – 17th Half Term Holiday

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Crossley
Headteacher

