



West Exmoor Federation

'Rooted and Growing – Together we Love Learning'

Spring Term 2018 – Newsletter No 4 – 16th March

Quick Reminders

SPORT RELIEF - Tuesday 20th March – Children to come to school dressed in sports kit representing their favourite sporting activity or person. Voluntary donation of £1 towards Sports Relief.

FEDERATION EASTER SERVICE – Tuesday 27th March, 1.00pm, St Mary's Lynton – All Welcome

Mrs Peacock

Dear Parents/Carers

I can't believe that we're only two weeks away from the end of term. As always, it has been incredibly busy and there seems to have been so little time to reflect upon all of the wonderful things that have been happening across the federation. Our children really are incredibly lucky to experience such a wide range of events and activities and I have no doubt that our rich curriculum helps to foster a real passion for learning. This is certainly evident in the high quality home learning that continues to be brought into school and which never fails to amaze me. Thank you so much for supporting your children with their learning in this way; it really does make a difference and helps to instil positive learning behaviours beyond the classroom which will serve each and every one well as they progress through life.

VISIT TO 'WE THE CURIOUS'

Earlier this term, our trip to 'We the Curious' was a huge success. The visit really helped to bring to life this term's science learning. The workshops that the children participated in were perfectly pitched to extend their learning further and help them grapple with some of the 'BIG' questions which learning about space can generate. As always, I was incredibly proud of our children. Throughout the day their enthusiasm for learning was excellent and their behaviour impeccable. Well done children; each and every one of you is a superstar!



WORLD BOOK DAY



Wow! What an incredible effort all of our children made for our belated World Book Day. A huge variety of books were represented from classics such as Alice in Wonderland and Swallows and Amazons to some of our most recent favourites such as Mr Stink and Gangster Granny. It was lovely to hear all of the children talking so animatedly about why they had chosen to come dressed as a particular character. The genuine joy of reading that so many of our children have was clearly evident throughout the day. The Lynton children had an additional treat as Joe MacKenzie, Natalie Martin, Sarah Berry, Jayne Hoskins and Laura Staite performed their own space themed version of 'The Three Little Pigs'! Thank you so much to everyone for entering so fully into the spirit of the day.

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THE GREAT ROCKET LAUNCH!

Thank you so much to everyone who braved the dismal weather on Wednesday and came along to our Rocket Launch. Despite the dreadful weather, the children seemed to thoroughly enjoy watching their rockets be launched. I was absolutely amazed by the incredible range of rockets that the children had made and the fantastic distance and height that some of them achieved. Many congratulations to our Bronze, Silver and Gold medallists whose rockets spent the longest time in the air or travelled the furthest distance or had the most creative design. It was certainly an exciting way to celebrate National Science Week and who knows, it might even be the start of us putting together a team to enter the national NLP Water Rocket Competition!



Best Wishes,

Jayne Peacock
Executive Headteacher

Within Collective Worship we have continued exploring Christian Values and how living by these values impacts upon our family, friends and those within our community. Over the last few weeks we have been focusing upon humility, sacrifice and endurance. We have been praying for those who are poorly and for those who help us.

Streams & Young Buds

What we've been up to
Home Learning Celebration

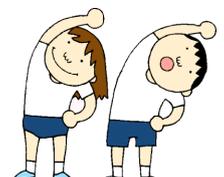
Wow! We have been blown away by the amount of home learning that has been done by all of the children in KS1/EYFS over this last term. 'Thank you' to all of the children for their amazing time and effort that they have put into their pieces and 'thank you' to you, the parents and carers who have supported their efforts. This term seems to have seen the most pieces by far handed in by the children and we have been particularly impressed by the amount that has been completed by the children independently.

Rocket Launch

Another 'thank you' for all of the amazing rockets that were made for our federation rocket launch. It was lovely to see so many of you, the parents and carers, come to support the children, despite the cold weather! The children are always so proud of their work when they have an audience!

PE Lessons

We are coming to the end of our Spring term and therefore our block of Gymnastics. We would like to thank Neil our Gymnastics coach from Falcons Gym in Barnstaple. As a federation we are very proud of our links with local external coaches who provide our children with amazing opportunities and exposure to a wealth of sporting opportunities. Our aim is to



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provide as many high quality opportunities for all of the children and with that in mind, we will be welcoming Beth from Tarka Tennis in the Summer term. Your class teachers will be able to confirm their classes sessions in the near future so please keep an eye out so that you can ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school in order to maximise their potential within their sessions.

Curriculum Focus

In Maths, the KS1 children are moving on to addition and subtraction over the next couple of weeks. They will be reinforcing their understanding and knowledge of number bonds as well as moving on to adding two 2 digit numbers together. We will be introducing different methods to support this such as whole, part, whole and bar model. If you would like any information on what this looks like, then please contact your class teacher. The children can continue to use their logins in Mathletics as well, to further support their learning in school.

In Literacy, the children have been reading the text 'Toys in space'. They are all really enjoying the story and will be looking at the characters in more detail, considering character description as well as using the story across other areas of their learning such as making parachutes in Science.

River, Oceans & Oaks

In literacy, we have been starting to write our space stories. We have been focusing on creating different types of sentences and varying our sentence openers. Next week we will be continuing to write our space stories.

In mathematics, we are looking at equivalence in fractions. We have made our own fraction walls by folding paper. Next week, we will be moving onto adding and subtracting fractions. We are continuing to sing and dance to our times tables in class. You can help your child by ensuring they learn their times tables every week.

It is science week, and our topic has been light. We are learning about reflection and shadows. The children have investigated different materials and created their own shadow puppets this week. We have also used mirrors to understand the law of reflection.

Admin

Lynton PTFA

We are holding another meeting next Wednesday 21st March at 3.30 at School to plan for a Family Easter Fair on Sunday 8th April. We need as many volunteers as possible to help man stalls so if you are available on the 8th April and would like to help out, please come along to the meeting or let Vikki know that you can help and we can put your name down for a stall.

We are looking forward to seeing lots of you tonight for our Bingo at the Bowls Club (Eyes down at 8pm) and hope to see lots of you at the meeting next week.

Thank you once again for your support.

Lynton PTFA

Kentisbury & Parracombe PTFA

To celebrate Easter, we are asking children to make their own Easter gardens and bring into school for the last day of term, Thursday 29th March. Children based at Parracombe School will be coming over to Kentisbury for the afternoon and will join in with an Easter Egg hunt. Parents are warmly invited to join us at Kentisbury School from 2.30pm onwards for tea and cake.

Easter Gardens can be made using any kind of tray, bowl or container – the more creative the better! Entries cost £1 each and a prize will be awarded for each year group, from Little Berries to Year 6.

If you are interested in helping out on the PTFA, please do come along to our next meeting, which will be at the beginning of the Summer Term. Our Chair has recently left so we are also looking for a new committee Chair. If you are interested in this or in helping out in any way however small, please speak to Mel or Sarah Bray at Kentisbury School or let someone in the school office know, who will pass on the message.

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Diary Dates

20.03.18	Inter-House Rugby Competition
27.03.18	Theatre Alibi Performance – The Boy Who Climbed into the Moon
27.03.18	Easter Service @ St Mary's, Lynton – 1.00pm
29.03.18	End of Term
16.04.18	Children return to school

Community

Parracombe Events

Parracombe Family Easter Bingo – 23rd March 2018 at Parracombe Village Hall at 7.00pm



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