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I hope you had an enjoyable bank holiday weekend as the weather was so good to us. Please could you ensure that the children come with a raincoat or thin jacket or their sweatshirts as our weather is so unpredictable. I know that it is very difficult to anticipate the weather but today we had some children without a coat or a jumper and the weather was not as warm as it has been.

This week the whole school have used a book called The Tin Forest to inspire a piece of independent writing. The children have responded well to the stimulus and we will display the work in a school book.

Over the next few weeks the year 2 children will be doing their SATs in reading, writing and maths. We do not make a big fuss about SATs and the children often do not realise that they are doing them. SATS are only one part of the assessment process and they go towards our teacher assessment for the end of the year. Year 1 children will be doing their Phonics screening after half term. This checks the children's ability to decode words which we do everyday within our phonics lessons. We also use this strategy when they are reading as individuals and in guided read. Please continue to support your child by reading at home and practising their phonics.

Dinner menus

Following parents feedback about the new menus, they have now been amended to include a meaty (tuna/ham) pasta bake on Mondays of Week 2 and cottage pie on Thursdays of Week 1. The roast on Week 1 has been changed to gammon from pork as the children prefer this meat. If you do have any comments regarding the dinner menu, please let the office know and remember that a jacket potato can always be offered as an alternative. Thank you.

Father's Day lunch

We are having our Father's Day lunch on Thursday 14th June and Dad's, Grandad's, Uncles, Mum's etc are welcome. The cost of the lunch is £2.40 and places are limited to one adult per child. We need final numbers by Monday 4th June so please let the office know by then if you are able to join us.

Scarlett Fever

We have a confirmed case of Scarlett Fever in school which needs treating with antibiotics. Please visit the NHS website for further information and to make yourselves aware of the symptoms: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>

All Age Service, St. Nicholas Church, Willoughby, Sunday 13 May at 11.00am.

St. Nicholas Church Willoughby are introducing an All Age Service to reach out to people of all ages. The first service will be on Sunday May 13th at 11am and they are exploring the story of Noah. All are welcome and they would love to see pictures of animals or cuddly toys.

Nursery

The children came back to school with great excitement about their long weekend and wanting to share their experiences with children and adults.

We started our week off by listening to a story called 'The Tin Forest' by Helen Ward. We also shared one of the double pages which were full of wonderful illustrations, which gave a great opportunity for discussion. The children spoke about what they liked about the picture and what they thought was going on! They could tell us about the story setting too! After the discussion the children drew independent pictures and had the confidence to speak about their work.

In PE we had the blue mats out! We made a path and thought of different ways we could travel along. Some children crawled, rolled and jumped. All children were happy to participate and think of their own ideas. We also did a little bit of dancing to our 'Busy Feet' CD. It is always good for a warm-up exercise.

We have certainly enjoyed our outdoor classroom this week! It has been great to have a chance to be in the mud kitchen with lots of grass soup being made! Pancakes are very popular too! In the messy tray the children have been experimenting with rollers and bubble wrap to print on paper. We had some lovely patterns! At the end of busy learning the children love to water our plants using the water from the water tray. They are very keen to look after their learning environment.

Thank you for all the lovely photographs which we have been sharing throughout the week! We are very good at guessing who we are! We will be returning all photographs very soon.

Class 1

This week in class 1 our learning has been based around the story 'The Tin Forest'. The children have done some great writing re-telling the story, describing the characters and also using adjectives to describe the scene. They came up with some wonderful adjectives as a class and were able to apply these to their writing.

In phonics we have been revising the sounds 'er' and 'ure'. We were luckily able to do phonics in the gazebo at the beginning of the week due to the lovely weather. The children enjoy doing phonics outside and it gives us the opportunity to play various phonics games. We have continued to revise all of the common exception words which the children are excellent at reading. We are now going to be focusing ensuring they are using these in their writing and they are being spelt correctly.

In maths this week we have been focusing on counting in 5's. Last week the children did a lot of counting in 2's and 10's we have been doing lots of practical activities to ensure the knowledge is secure. We have also been practising our number formation. Even though it is not one of the objectives to be met in reception, it is key that the children are able to form their numbers correctly ready for year one. It is something we will continue to work on till the end of the year. Next week we are focusing our learning around the story 'The Rabbit Problem, by Emily Gravett'.

I will be having the year 1 children from class 2 next week whilst year 2 do their SATs, so we have got lots of fun learning planned to cater to both year groups. As this book is based around rabbits I would love for the children to have the opportunity to pet some rabbits and learn a little

Class 1 continued

bit more about them so that we can make information booklets. If any parents, friends or family have any rabbits that they are willing to bring in please could they contact Mrs Wilmot or myself so that we can arrange a day/time. The children will love this opportunity so I will be really grateful if someone is able to make it happen.

It's great to be back after not being well, I'd just like to thank everyone for being so understanding. The children were great for the supply teachers and still produced some great work.

Class 2

This week in Class two we have been busy reporters. Our learning focus has been on reading and writing newspaper reports. We have looked at headlines, columns, quotes for interviews and writing in the third person, past tense. We have discovered that it is quite tricky to put all these things together. It would be useful to look at newspapers at home if you have any, including the sports pages to look for these features.

Our learning:

English

Phonics- ear, eer, ere- beard, fear, year, steer, deer, here, and sphere

SPAG- verbs and auxiliary verbs- to be

Text: Newspaper reports, The Tin Forest

Maths

Measure- length, mass, capacity, reading scales

Shape- describing properties and comparing and sorting

Interpreting graphs

Topic:

PSHE-Feelings

Art:

RE: The Sermon on the Mount

Science- Healthy living- food groups

No spellings due to SATS

Homework: Food diary (optional due to SATS)

Head Teacher's Awards

Class 2 - Noah for working very hard at everything.
Reading 5 times – Kara, Samuel, Florence, Preeya, Molly, Amber, Jimmy, Nevaeh & Owen.
PE Stars: Jimmy, Amber

Class 1 – Felix for his positive attitude when writing sentences independently.
Reading 3 times – Felix, Niamh, Charlotte, Henry, Tom, Annabelle & Phoebe.
PE Stars: Charlie, Annabelle and Tiarna

Nursery – Tansie, Monty, Noah & Henry F for talking and cutting out pictures.

Wise Owls - Molly M for always being enthusiastic to join in the activities.

Attendance Award

Eagle Owls, Long Eared Owls and Tawny Owls – 100% attendance and no lates.

Prince/Princess of Presentation

Alice for her letter size.

Niamh for great use of adjectives, capital letters & full stops.

Tom M. for drawing pictures about his bank holiday.

Out of School Achievement

Phoebe – Swimming award

Amelia-Rose – Befriending a large slow worm

Henry H – Player of the Week, Rugby Tots

Jimmy – Swimming award

Emme – Swimming award

Dates for your Diaries – new dates in bold

Sun 13/05/18	11.00am All Age Service, St Nicholas Church, Willoughby
Mon 14/05/18	PM – PE (please make sure PE kits are in school)
Wed 16/05/18	3.15 – 4.15 Streetdance Club
Thurs 17/05/18	12.10 – French Club
Fri 18/05/18	PM – PE (please make sure PE kits are in school)
	3.15 – 4.15 Sports Club
	3.15 – 4.15 Gardening Club
	FoLH Race Night
Mon 21/05/18	Transition to Dunchurch Junior School Meeting at Dunchurch Junior School 7.00PM
Fri 25/05/18	Dress Down Day – Tombola/Raffle Prizes
Mon 28/05/18 – Fri 01/06/18	Half Term
Sat 09/06/18	Rose Queen Day 11.00 – 1.00pm
Thurs 14/06/18	12.10 Father's Day Lunch - £2.40
Tues 19/06/18	Class 1 & 2 – School trip to Leicester Botanical Gardens
Fri 22/06/18	Teacher Training Day
Tues 10/07/18	Transition Day

