

New Close News

Friday 3rd May, 2019

Executive Head - Mr James Evans
Head Teacher - Miss Jane Brown

I know many of you have been wondering about school trips this year and where each class or year group will be visiting. I am pleased to say that Squirrels will be visiting Langford Lakes Nature Reserve and years 4 and 5 will be travelling to Portsmouth to see HMS Victory and a Pirate expedition. Both these trips reflect the work that the children have covered in class and increase their knowledge and understanding in these topics. We have decided that year 6 will not be undertaking a residential trip this year. Instead they will have 3 individual day trips offered to them. These will be on 8th July to Marwell Zoo in Southampton, on 9th July a day of sports and Forest School at Kingdown and on 10th July a trip to Dorset Water Park at Corfe Castle. Rabbit class will have a local trip and more information will be available soon.

Before Easter we had David Wiltshire Photography in to take some photographs of the children in the classrooms. We would like to offer these to parents at a cost of £1 per photo. Thumbnails of the photos will be on display next Friday during the assembly. These will then be taken onto the playground where all parents can look at them. Each photo will have a reference number. Please complete an order form available from Mrs Wootten and then hand it back to her with the correct information. The photo/s will then be emailed to parents. Some examples of the photos are below.



In Fox Class, we have been 'slow writing' an opening paragraph to a well-known fairy tale, using a variety of sentence structures to create tension and a sense of foreboding for the reader. We had to include: a sentence beginning with a verb, a sentence with a relative clause, a sentence that was only 3 words long and a sentence using a modal verb. Can you spot them?

Drizzling, the hungry wolf followed the child into the woods. Anxious, she could sense something was behind her. Dark, gloomy, foggy was what the forest was slowly becoming. She was terrified. Suddenly, a bolt of lightning struck the green grass directly in-front of her. "Could that be a warning?" she thought as the sound of leaves crushing filled her ears. The girl, who now knew something was there, began to run as fast as she could. Menacingly the wolf chased behind her, he wouldn't let his dinner get away that easily. Tiana

Lurking in the depths of the forest, was a lonely figure. Curious, the girl cautiously wandered blindly through the foggy mist. Alone, scared and frightened she took a few steps back. Crunch, snap, bang. The night was beginning to end. Slowly turning her head up to the sky, she felt a small splash of water. Could she find a way out? The figure suddenly stopped in her tracks feeling like someone -or something - was watching her every move. Snehaa

Creeping, the little girl went through the dark forest. Hurt, she crawled along the ancient path. The old, damaged tree almost fell onto the scared, little girl but she just managed to escape. It was there... Midnight is the time when all the wolves come out. She couldn't escape from the big, scary wolf. The girl (who had a red coat) ran through what she thought was a forest. Quickly, the little girl ran to escape but she couldn't ... Adel

I hope you enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend.

Mr Evans

Learning Corner

RABBIT CLASS

We have been enjoying the story *Two Can Toucan* by David McKee and have been continuing our learning about letter writing. The children in year 1 and Reception have been writing letters to and from the toucan after he left the forest. They have been learning how to set letters out. All the children in Rabbit class have used oil pastels to draw a toucan.

Children in Reception have been learning about counting on in maths and year 1s have been adding on 10 and taking away 10 from 2 digit numbers. Nursery children have played with corn flour, painted the tyres in the outdoor area and painted pictures of the blossom tree.

Star Readers: Isla & Georgia ★
Star Writers: Taio & Samar
Star Mathematicians: Robert & Spencer

SQUIRREL CLASS

In English lessons this week, the children have been learning how to write an explanation text, using the features of the genre learnt last week. In Grammar, Y2 have been revising how to use commas to separate items in a list, and Y3 have been learning to change past tense to present tense and vice-versa.

In maths lessons, Y2 have been learning to draw 2-D shapes, find the difference between numbers by counting on

and continuing sequences by counting on in 2,3,5 or 10. Year 3 have been learning to calculate fractions of amounts, count in tenths and count on in 8s.

Star Readers: Gabriel & Riley ★
Star Writers: Olly & Dylan
Star Mathematicians: Darcie & Tommy

OTTER CLASS

In English we have begun to write a Pirate adventures story, using our treasure maps and pirate biographies to help us. We are really looking forward to sharing them with other people.

In maths we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes, with a focus on the correct mathematical language to describe their properties.

Star Readers: Andrew & Jessel ★
Star Writers: Fae & Joseph
Star Mathematicians: Jacob & Riley

FOX CLASS

In English, this week, we have been revisiting our knowledge and use of SPAG, writing to inform - using our Indus Valley Civilization research - and continuing to review and extend our reading comprehension skills.

In maths, we have continued to work through reasoning questions focusing on statistics, ratio, fractions, decimals and percentages.

Well done to Fox class for showing resilience, determination and progress. We are so proud of you!

Star Readers: Lily-May & Callum ★
Star Writers: Noah & Alfie
Star Mathematicians: Sneha & Adel



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GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

Rabbit: Harrison & Spencer
Squirrel: Rubie & Oscar B
Otter: Harry & Liam
Fox: Tiana-Jean & Harry

SCHOOL LUNCHES

If you would like your child to have a school meal please remember to book it on Wisepay. If you have any problems booking a meal on Wisepay please contact the school office.



Below is a link to vacancies within the Acorn Education Trust:

<https://acorneducationtrust.com/job-vacancies>