

# New Close News

Friday 25th January, 2019

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

It has been a very cold week but the children have wrapped themselves up and coped admirably. It is a good opportunity to remind you of our emergency conditions procedures. In the event of a school closure please check the website for information. This will state if there is full closure for the school day or if we may be opening but slightly later to allow staff time to get in. We will also contact BBC Radio Wiltshire and Heart FM with the relevant information. Should there be a need to close the school during the school day then we will contact you via text. Please can you ensure that your mobile phone contact numbers are up-to-date

Foxes have been enriching their topic work on water, through reading 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. They have been working on writing effective sentences to describe the sea - in all of its moods! Some examples of which are given below:

*"The inky thunderous waves were groaning like galloping horses"* by Matthew W.

*"The emerald surface of the sea, glittered with a million diamonds of sunlight"* by Aimee

*"Some days, lightning and thunder would rain down on the deadly sea. Other days, the amber-gold sun would shine and the turquoise sea would glimmer like a diamond"* by Ryan

*"Under the transparent, creased waves, shadows moved elegantly beneath, like dancers: a pod of majestic dolphins frisked, a shiver of sharks pursued while a bloom of jolly jellyfish drifted"* by Matthew J.

*"Like the swish of a curtain, brutal, black waves ran past us. Dark, cold water lay under the grey, churning surface. Beneath me, I saw the black world of the deep restless ocean – a watery grave"* by Ethan

In art, they have looked closely at The Great Wave off Kanagawa by Hokusai and recreated it using oil pastels and water colours, as we can see below.



Have a good weekend.

Mr Evans

# Learning Corner

## RABBIT CLASS

In Rabbit Class this week we have been enjoying exploring the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. We've read the story, discussed how it changes in different versions and retold our own adapted versions. The children have done some fantastic writing! They also had the chance to act out the story in small groups.

In maths we have been learning that coins have different values. We know that Jack's magic beans aren't part of our currency! We have been learning to recognise different coins and make amounts. We have explored magnets in science as part of our topic on materials.



**Star Reader: Taio**  
**Star Writer: Melisha**  
**Star Mathematician: Salisha**

## SQUIRREL CLASS

In English lessons this week, we made chocolate Cornflake cakes and then wrote instructions on how to make them. We have also edited our instructions to improve them. In grammar, Y2 have been learning how to use commas to separate items in a list, and Y3 have been learning how to add a prefix in front of a word to make a new word.

In maths lessons this week, we have been learning how to multiply and divide using efficient written methods, then solving word problems using these methods.



**Star Reader: Ruby**  
**Star Writer: Olly**  
**Star Mathematician: Riley**

## OTTER CLASS

In English this week we have been making a book to present our information texts about mountain ranges. We have studied the features of mountains and incorporated these into the design of our book.

In maths we have been studying different areas of shape such as properties of shapes, angles and 'lines'. Some of us have learned how to use a protractor to measure and draw angles.



**Star Reader: Liam**  
**Star Writer: Riley**  
**Star Mathematician: Harry**

## FOX CLASS

This week, in English, we have been planning, and writing, a balanced argument to highlight the positive and negative aspects of embarking on a boat trip, with our family, around the world. We had to write in paragraphs and demonstrate that we could use: modal verbs, relative clauses, expanded noun phrases and adverbials - to provide cohesion across our text.

In maths, we have been reinforcing and extending our understanding of multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000 - in the context of converting measures - practising our rounding skills ( 2- and 3-decimal places and solving number problems algebraically.



**Star Reader: Harry**  
**Star Writer: Tiana-Jean**  
**Star Mathematician: Aimee**

## GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

**Rabbit: Willow**  
**Squirrel: David**  
**Otter: Samix**  
**Fox: Adel**

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

A reminder to all parents/guardians to please check that you have ordered your child's school lunch, if required, each week. We do not send text message reminders to parents every week. If you have any problems booking a meal on Wisepay please contact the school office.

## SWIMMING

After half term, Fox and Otter classes will be swimming on Friday mornings.

**We need parental permission on Wisepay to walk your child to the swimming pool. (Children in Otter class already have permission as they swam in terms 1 and 2.)**

For parents of children in Fox class, please visit Wisepay to give your permission/ make your payment (thank you to those who have already given permission/payment in the Autumn term). If you have any problems please contact the school office.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Details of events and assemblies can be found on our school website.

## Free ZAP workshops for young people aged 9-16

Kidscape will be delivering their ZAP Workshop in Bristol on Thursday 14th March 2019.

This workshop is open to young people and their parents/carers who are affected by bullying.



Documents (pictured above)

- ZAP A4 poster
- ZAP A5 flyer

[More information on anti-bullying practice for schools can be found here](#)

Parents/carers will have the opportunity to share their experiences and concerns with other parents whilst young people will take part in the anti-bullying workshop. The young people's workshop will aim to reduce the impact of bullying that they are experiencing through the following:

- Meeting other young people who have experienced bullying and think about solutions together
- Increasing their confidence
- Developing assertiveness skills
- Being able to identify a bullying situation and take positive action
- Having a range of strategies for staying safe

If you would like more information or to book onto the workshop please visit [www.kidscape.org.uk/zap](http://www.kidscape.org.uk/zap)

### FREE and SUBSIDISED COOL MILK

A reminder to all parents/guardians that school is able to provide free milk each day to all children under five and to those children entitled to statutory free school meals. Milk can also be provided to children aged five or over at a subsidised cost. Our school milk scheme is administered by Cool Milk. To register your child for school milk, please visit <https://www.coolmilk.com/register> or ask in the school office.



### E-Newsletter

In an effort to reduce our carbon footprint, we are hoping to send as many newsletters by e-mail as possible. If you are able to receive your newsletter by e-mail, and haven't already done so, please contact the office. For those families who do not receive the newsletter by e-mail we will continue to send out paper copies.



### Fruit bowl

When available we will keep a fruit bowl for the KS2 children to choose from, if they want it. This is a great way to encourage healthy choices and helps to top up energy levels during the day – as we already see in the younger children, who have free fruit or vegetables every day in school. **Please let us know if you do not want us to offer fruit to your child.**