



NEWSLETTER



OUR SCHOOL VALUES: RESPECT - UNDERSTANDING – PEACE – HONESTY – RESPONSIBILITY - TEAMWORK

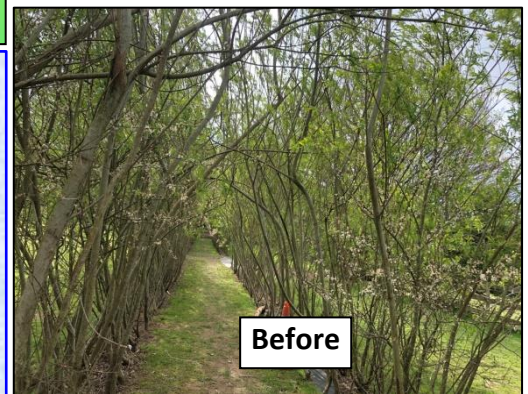
May 2021

Blue skies, grey skies, sunshine, rain, hail and wind – well we've certainly had every sort of weather possible lately! Please ensure children always bring a coat to school because, whatever the weather, they love to go outside and run around at breaktimes and lunchtimes!

Tunnelling into Summer!

Mrs Nash and her fabulous helpers came into school on the Bank Holiday and turned our willow trees into a willow tunnel once again. This is so exciting for the children, especially lower down the school, who enjoy walking through it on their nature rambles.

Huge thanks to the families of Mrs Nash, Mrs Howard and Mrs Ansell who did a sterling job in the extremely windy and overcast un-Spring-like weather! The before and after photos show what a great job they did. I'm sure you'll agree it now looks brilliant and once the leaves are out and the sun shines it will be a really magical natural tunnel once again!



Happy School Bags

We raised a marvellous £88.80 on this occasion, which was really good considering the company had reduced our price per kg due to the many lockdowns.

Well done everyone!



The money raised will go towards consumables for computing. It has paid for digital cameras and headphones in the past. We are looking to buy some Scratch input and output devices that are alternatives to the keyboard and this links in with coding in the curriculum.

PE Kit

All children should be wearing the correct School PE kit, which is a school PE top, navy shorts, school tracksuit or we are now allowing navy tracksuit bottoms and a navy sweatshirt. It is likely that school uniform will be able to be worn every day after half term with PE kit and Forest Schools kit brought into school to change into, so please ensure you have the correct items of clothing for our return in June.



Inappropriate Language

It is a worry that we seem to be having quite a run of inappropriate language in school at the moment, which appears to have come from watching/playing online games at home, which are not age-appropriate. Please could you ensure that children only participate in or are exposed to online gaming suited to their age group.

Parking outside school



- Please do not block our neighbours' drives, even if you are only going to be a minute!
- Please do not park/pull over onto on the zigzag lines either side of the drive entrance at any time
- Please be tolerant of other car users/neighbours and refrain from abusive language/actions.
- Please do not park on, or drive over the Common.
- Try not to sit for any length of time (reports of over 20 minutes) with your engine idling.

Thanks

Plant Sale

Tuesday, 26th May
Classes have now planted their seeds and are tending to them daily, so they are healthy and ready to sell on the 26th May. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

Shepherd's Hut Update

We now have an amazing amount of over £12,000 towards this venture. We are awaiting notification regarding planning permission and looking for matched funding. If any parents work for companies with charitable schemes, we would really love to hear from you!

Y6 Design and Technology

We have some very talented children in Y6, who are great using our computer-aided design programs. Their design brief was for a shelter and the children could choose what type and for what purpose. Having decided on the purpose, the children spent time creating a questionnaire for their target market which they took home and completed.

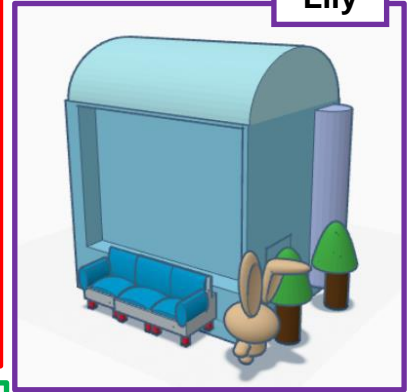
Finally, they filled in a design and manufacturing specification, detailing a range of aspects such as the cost, the materials and how eco-friendly their design would be. The CAD was done on TinkerCad, enabling them to create a 3D model which could be viewed from all perspectives.

The shelters pictured include one for abandoned dogs, a H&C playground shelter, a space for parents to shelter from the rain and a playground shelter for pupils.

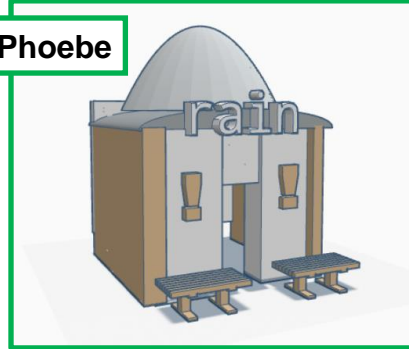
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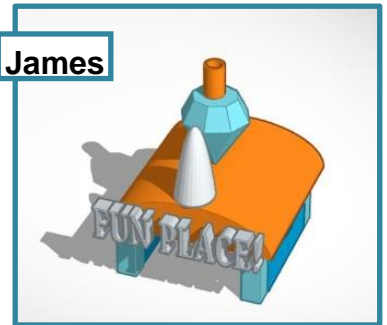
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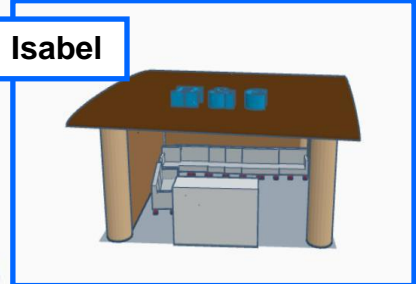
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Isabel



Swallows

How exciting and reassuring it is to see the swallows once again appearing in our skies.

You could say how impressive it is that they remember their way back each year and how they fly almost nonstop all the way from South Africa to get here showing incredible resilience, astonishing memory skills and working together as a team! (an important H & C value!)

The spring/ summer skies would not be the same without them!

'Think now think! if one year the swifts did not appear: the sky unriven, rooftops silent, all the watchers waiting, hoping of gift that remain ungiven.'

The Lost Spells by Robert Macfarlane

Online visits with authors and illustrators

KS1 and Year 3 have been so excited to take part in these online visits over the past two weeks. We have been so proud of our children thinking of amazing questions to ask the authors and illustrators. It has been fascinating to hear the responses – we have learnt so much about the inspiration for books. We have also been treated to drawing master classes which we all loved. Look out for a letter explaining more and giving details of how you can purchase signed books for your children.

Dates for your Diary

Friday, 14 th May	Number Day – wear numbers!
Tuesday, 25 th May	Plant Sale
Friday, 28 th May	School breaks up (normal Time)
Monday, 7 th June	INSET day
Tuesday, 8 th June	Children return to school
Wednesday, 7 th July	Sports Day
Thursday, 8 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Monday, 19 th July	Y6 Leavers' Service 2pm
Tuesday, 20 th July	School breaks up for summer

I am able to do all things through Him who strengthens me
Philippians 4:13



As you can see from our Dates for your Diary, we have started to pop in a couple of tentative dates for our usual events in school, which is very exciting. These are subject change depending on guidelines at the time. Please keep mindful of wearing a face covering, washing hands and hand sanitiser and have a lovely, restful weekend!