

West Pennard C of E VC Primary



Children in the critical worker facility celebrating World book Day on Thursday.



'Since God so loved us, so we must love one another' (1 John 4 v11)

Heads Up

We have had a busy week in school, getting things ready for when everyone returns next week. It has been a long time since we have all been together, but Monday is fast on the horizon. Please do make sure that you have read through the updated guidance, particularly the requirement for face coverings at pick up and drop off. We will review all procedures, as always, regularly throughout the remainder of the term and update you accordingly.

This week we had some exciting news. I am pleased to announce that the Governors have appointed Mrs Lorraine Clarke as Acting Deputy Headteacher from February half term. Mrs Clarke will continue with her role as SENCO and DDSL over the two days that she currently works, and will be in school for an additional day each week to fulfil aspects of her new capacity. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing her well in her new role within the school.

I had the pleasure of talking to Mr Samuel Appia-yei (a teacher at the school we have linked with in Ghana) throughout this week. The immediacy of communications accelerated by developments in connectivity during the past few years, and accelerated in the past 12 months, has meant that the world (in some respects) is a much smaller place and presents wonderful opportunities to learn from one another. Samuel's school operates from 7:30am until 1pm each day. I'm not sure many our end would be keen for such an early start. The West Pennard School Council will meet next week to start to communicate with pupils at Hidayaatul

Primary School and will begin to plan projects to work collaboratively with them over the coming months. In the summer term the teachers will start to look at our curriculum for learning opportunities presented with our link in Ghana.

Stay safe everyone and see you next week.

Mr Wheat

Stars in Our Eyes (Certificates and stickers will be posted)

Home Learning Stars of the Week

Year R Eliana - for great effort with her phonics work.

Year 1 Evie - for stunning RE work. Wow Evie!

Year 2 Ted - for his excellent Mr Tickle story ending. What a great imagination!

Year 3 Aubin - for his neat lizard card instructions unjumbling task and his super cute lizard!

Year 4 Noah - for his excellent work ethic towards his home learning for the whole of the Spring Term.

Year 5 Liam - for fab effort with his maths at home.

Year 5 Matthew - for all his enthusiasm and hard work towards activities set for home learning.

Year 6 Leyton - for always trying his best with all his home learning.

Critical Worker Provision Stars of the Week

Kailyn (Yr 4), Ava (Yr 5)

Also a big well done to all the children who have been in the provision full time, you are all stars!



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Forest School

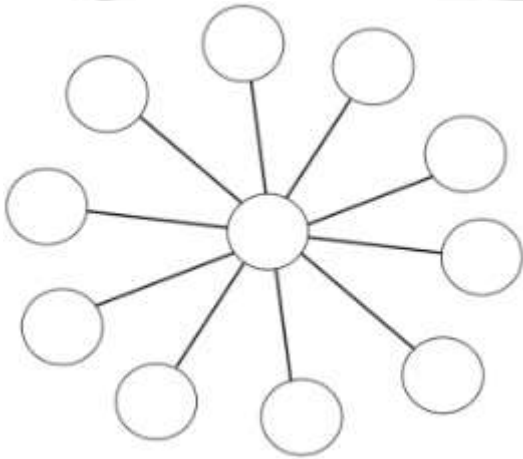
Here is the forest activity for today.

The sun is shining and Spring is on its way. Follow this link to download a spotting sheet to take with you on your walk. How many signs of spring can you recognise? Can you see any more?

http://www.treetoolsforschools.org.uk/activities/pdfs/pdf_first_signs_of_spring.pdf

Puzzling Time

Can you put the numbers 1 to 11 in a circle so that all the lines add up to the same number?



The solution will be posted next week

Somerset Cricket Challenge



Good morning,

Please find the link below to Somerset's fifth and final (for the time being) 'Pro Challenge'. This can also be found on their [facebook](#) and [twitter](#) pages. The 'Pro Challenge' this week is with Somerset CCC's Tom Lammonby and Ollie Sale and involves them answering questions that were sent in as well setting catching and shirt designing challenges.

Please feel free to send any videos of pupils practising the challenges or shirt designs into Scott Chappell or tweet these if easier (@somersercb using #scbprochallenge).

[SCB 'Pro Challenge' Week 5](#)

Out and About (Well, In and Innovative!)

Here are some educational activities that can be done at home...

Shape Hunt

Children (and adults!) love a good scavenger hunt. Put a twist on the search by having them find items of certain shapes. When all objects have been collected, you can then trace and colour in the items on a separate sheet of paper. If the objects are items that can't be picked up, such as a clock on a wall, let your child use your smartphone to take a photo of the item.

Print out or draw a sheet with shapes and let the hunt begin.

For the youngest in the household, have them find objects that are of simple shapes such as circles, squares, rectangles, and triangles. Challenge older children with searches for items in the shape of parallelograms, ovals, rhombuses, or scalene triangles.

This is a great game that can be played inside or out.

Freeze Dance Rhyme Dance

Crank the tunes and let the dancing begin. Unlike the regular game though, when the music stops, a designated person calls out a word. If the other dancer(s) can't respond with a word to rhyme with it within a designated time period (say five to 10 seconds), that person is out.

Charades

Using a mix of easy and difficult words, have your kids act them out and see if their siblings or parents can guess what they are. If the kids don't know the word they're given, define it for them.

Wellbeing Video

The wellbeing video link this week centres around being brave, strong warriors. To view the video follow the link below...

<https://youtu.be/pSL2McZkbUA>

First Aiders



In the Autumn and over lockdown children in Year 4 completed the First Aid Champions primary course from the British Red Cross. They found out about the work of the British Red Cross and kindness. Then they watched films and took part in activities and quizzes at home to learn vital first aid skills, including what first aid is, feeling able to help someone who needs first aid and making 999 calls. As a minimum children completed three units; asthma, bleeding and burns. Some also completed further units; broken bones, choking, head injuries, unresponsive and breathing, unresponsive and not breathing. All of the children now know how to cope, how to keep calm, how to keep safe, how and when to make 999 calls and how to share their skills with others. They should now feel able to help someone who needs first aid. The children that passed and received their accreditation are:

- Kailyn
- Sofia
- Megan
- Matthew D.
- Noah F.
- Martha
- Lola K.
- Zachary L.
- Reu
- Olivia
- Meg
- Maddison
- Orlagh
- Reece

A big well done to all of these children!

Mole Class Rainforest Box



This term Year 2 have been very busy learning about the Amazon rainforest. As we gained knowledge each week we decided to start a competition to each create our own mini rainforest in a box. Many children took part and had fun exploring rainforest flora and fauna whilst creating incredibly intricate, exciting details. Mr Wheat had a very hard job of selecting the winner. Very well done Isabelle L. who even managed to learn some life skills using power tools in the making of this masterpiece! Look closely to spot animals hanging, amazing detail. Many thanks to everyone that joined in the fun and put so much effort into creating such super designs! Very much looking forward to chatting about them all on Monday.

Mrs Rew

Doodle Maths

Well done to Hollie in Year 3 and Ethan in Year 6 who have reached a 100 day streak on Doodle Maths. Well done maths superstars!

Quote of the Week

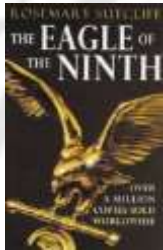
'God loves each of us as though there were only one of us.' Saint Augustine

100 Books to Read Before the End of Primary

A recent survey came up with a list of the top 100 books to read before you leave primary school. This list includes books for children of all ages, old and new titles, classics and recently published and are sure to inspire more reading and a love of books for years to come. How many of these books have you read? Can you think of any books that you have enjoyed that should be on the list? Every week, we will list 10 books starting from 100. Will your favourite make the list?



76. Just So Stories by Rudyard Kipling These witty stories were originally told by Rudyard Kipling to his own children. In them he gives fanciful accounts of how and why things came to be as they are. Generations of children have delighted to learn how the Leopard got his spots, how the Elephant's Child on the banks of the great grey-green Limpopo acquired his trunk with the help of the Crocodile, and the beginning of the Armadillos



79. The Eagle of The Ninth by Rosemary Sutcliff The Ninth Legion marched into the mists of northern Britain - and they were never seen again. Four thousand men disappeared and their eagle standard was lost. It's a mystery that's never been solved, until now. Marcus has to find out what happened to his father, who led the legion. So he sets out into the unknown, on a quest so dangerous that nobody expects him to return.



75. Gentle Giant by Michael Morpurgo A powerful folktale about a lonely giant who lives by a beautiful lake. When he saves a girl from drowning, the giant finds the love and courage to save the lake from destruction. On a small island way out in the middle of a silver lake there once lived a sad young man. He was sad because he

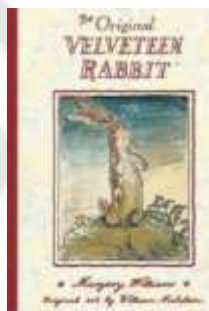


78. Pinocchio by Carlo Collodi, illustrated by Roberto Innocenti The story of the walking and talking puppet Pinocchio is one of the best-loved children's tales of all time. Carved by old Gepetto, Pinocchio has an enormous nose which grows even longer whenever he tells a lie. Pinocchio is such a scamp that he gets into all sorts of mischief. He runs away to join a puppet show, he teams up with a rascally fox and wily cat, and plays truant from school which has dreadful consequences. Eventually the conscience of a talking cricket and Pinocchio's guardian fairy restore him to good behaviour, obedience and care for others.

had grown up into a giant of a man, very big, very strong and very frightening. Because of this, no one liked to go near him. So his only friends were the wild creatures that lived all around him. Then one day, he saves a girl from drowning, a girl in a wide-brimmed straw hat. Little does he know how she is going to change his life forever.



74. Mr Men & Little Miss Series by Roger Hargreaves This delightful set features 50 titles including the loved titles such as 'Mr Bump', 'Mr Tickle', 'Mr Strong', and 'Mr Messy' an enduring childhood favourite.



77. The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams Still as poignant today as it has ever been, Margery Williams' The Velveteen Rabbit is one of the best-loved children's books of all time. In the nursery, only the toys that are old and wise truly understand what it means to be 'Real'. The Velveteen Rabbit, a newcomer to the nursery, asks

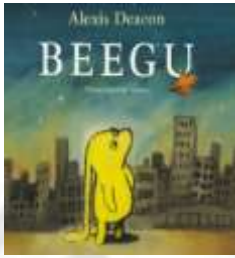
one of the most knowledgeable toys, the Skin Horse, what being real means. 'Real isn't how you're made.' says the Skin Horse, 'it's a thing that happens to you. When a child loves you for a long, long time, not just to play with, but REALLY loves you, then you become real. It doesn't happen all at once.'



73. Eragon by Christopher Paolini When Eragon finds a polished stone in the forest, he thinks it is the lucky discovery of a poor farm boy; perhaps it will buy his family meat for the winter. But when the stone brings a dragon hatchling, Eragon soon realizes he has stumbled upon a legacy nearly as old as the Empire itself. Overnight his simple life is shattered and he is thrust into a perilous new world of destiny, magic and power.



72. The Wind In The Willows by Kenneth Grahame Far from fading with time, Kenneth Grahame's classic tale of fantasy has attracted a growing audience in each generation. Rat, Mole, Badger and the preposterous Mr. Toad (with his 'Poop-poop-poop' road hogging new motor car), have brought delight to many through the years with their odd adventures on and by the river, and at the imposing residence of Toad Hall.



71. Beegu by Alexis Deacon Beegu is not supposed to be on Earth. She is lost. She is a friendly little creature, but the Earth People don't seem very welcoming at all. However, so far she has only met the BIG ones. The little ones are a different matter.

Mole Class Critical Worker Learning

Please see the pictures below of the end product from last week. Looks like they all had a great time!



Look After Your Family's Wellbeing during Lockdown - Free Online Workshops

In partnership with Somerset Skills & Learning, Young Somerset are hosting a series of free online workshops to give families the right tools and advice to be able to support their wellbeing during lockdown.

The course includes four consecutive, 2 hour sessions and will take place weekly on Monday evenings 18:00-20:00. This is a rolling course; the first course will begin on Monday 1st February and will be repeated monthly until July. If you are unable to attend all four sessions, you can still enrol on the course.

For more information:

<https://www.youngsomerset.org.uk/news/look-after-your-familys-wellbeing>

Mrs Clarke

Volcanic Eruptions at West Pennard!



Last week, Year 3 and the children in the lower key stage 2 Key Worker bubble, enjoyed a week full of creative afternoons where they built and painted their very own 3D volcano models. They took the whole week to build and perfect; utilizing a variety of art skills including: paper-mache, painting and varnishing, and the finished results were AMAZING!



On Friday, we were able to take them outside in the glorious sunshine for a very messy volcanic eruption! The children explored the science behind the eruption 'hand's on' and had a fantastic time!



A big well done to all those who completed the task at home! I've added a few pictures for you all to see.



Superb effort Hare Class! Miss Holmes is one very proud teacher!

The Masked Reader

World Book Day 2021

I was so pleased to be joined by over one-hundred children on our World Book Day Google Meets. We made reading dens, shared a story together and took part in some engaging World Book Day tasks. We even had a sneak peak at some of the bookshelves of the teachers.

I also saw some fantastic masks made by the pupils of West Pennard... here are just a few!

Remember to spend your World Book Day token. It is the same token for all children so just print more than one off for siblings.

Mrs Pinsent

