

West Pennard C of E VC Primary School



Children in Hare Class have been talking about worries and how to make them shrink - just like the Monster in the book, pictured. They had great fun creating their very own worry monster's to put inside their pockets.



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

Heads Up

We had a week of some unusual headwear and little creatures leaving the school site — you will be thankful to know that this is not an arbitrary reference to the usual 'little creatures' that we all fear coming home with our children, just the latest work created for our Wellness on Wednesday sessions. Hare Class talked about worries, having read 'My Monster and Me'. They made woolen worry monsters to carry with them wherever they go - see the picture above. Dormouse Class were intending to go in search of fallen leaves to make their 'autumn crowns', but due to the inclement weather they were ever the resourceful and made their own using card and templates in the classroom.



Mole Class had great fun making crystals. See later in the newsletter for pictures.

I had the great pleasure this week of visiting classes to announce the children that had been voted on to the School Council. Children in each

class were invited to present to the class about their suitability for the role and the children all had a vote to decide upon their representative. A big well done to Saffron, Ayda, Loralie, Boe, Jemima, Zoe, Bella G, Sophia S, Hollie, Joshua R, Rudy and Ethan. They will meet every other Friday and have some very important involvements in key decisions ahead. On Monday we welcome Gabriella Costello to our teaching team as she starts her initial teacher training in Hare Class. I'm sure you will all make her most welcome.

As always, it leaves me to wish you all a great weekend. See you on Monday.

Mr Wheat



Stars in Our Eyes

Well done to the following children, who were chosen as the class 'Stars of the Week' this week;

- Year R - Sophie & Eliana
- Year 1 - Caleb & Noah
- Year 2 - Paige & Thomas-Alfie
- Year 3 - Isabella & Thomas
- Year 4 - Isla & Kelcie
- Year 5 - Chloe & Kobe
- Year 6 - Ashleigh & Jaxon



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Here and There

World of Country Life



About an hour and a half away is the World of Country Life in Exmouth. There are a number of really good play zones, a falconry display and even a tractor ride where you can feed red deer from your hand. Added interest for the adults is a recreated old street with artifacts from yesteryear and also three halls of vintage cars, motorbikes and tractors....and the infamous 'Tower of Slides!'

Coombe Hill Wood

Coombe Hill Wood is around 3 miles from Glastonbury between the villages of Butleigh and Compton Dundon.

There are 25 hectares of wonderful woodland with waymarked walks for most abilities - as you weave in and out of the woodland you'll be treated to some spectacular views of the Somerset countryside.

Throughout the woods there are a number of permanent orienteering courses (details can be downloaded from the website) along with access to several impressive monuments including the Admiral Hood Monument, 110 feet tall and completed in 1831.

OS Grid Reference ST 503 331
 Lat,Long 51.09,-2.71
www.combehillwood.co.uk

Thank you to the Foley family for this suggestion.



Meet Our New School Council



Plastic Fantastic?



On Tuesday we were visited (virtually) by the team at the Carymoor Environmental Trust who delivered an assembly to each of the classes about how to look after our environment. The children then had workshops on how to 'slim our waste' (not waist!) and how to reduce our reliance on and use of plastics. A great many thanks to the team at Carymoor for highlighting to us such important environmental issues.

SEN Information Report

The school SEN Information Report has been updated as part of the annual review requirement. This can be found on the school website under the SEND sub-menu in the 'About Us' tab. Alternatively follow this link...

[Detailed West Pennard SEN Information Report](#)

Parents are welcome to forward any comments / suggestions to the SENCo, via the school office. These will be gratefully received.

Mrs Clarke



Useful Links

Please see below some useful links for support with finances during these challenging times.

[Advice and support with debt](#)

[Debt and Coronavirus](#)

[Coronavirus Universal Credit and Benefits](#)

Kindness Club



Get involved in kindness projects at home and earn a badge for your kind endeavours. Visit the 52 Lives Kid's Club by following the link below...

<https://schoolofkindness.org/kids-club>

Safeguarding



Mr T Wheat
Designated
Safeguarding Lead
DSL



Mrs Lorraine Clarke
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead
DDSL

The safety and welfare of all children is everybody's responsibility. Our School's Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr Tony Wheat. The Deputy Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Lorraine Clarke. If you have any concerns regarding a child's welfare or safety please speak to them immediately.

Alternatively if you are worried about a child or young person who could be in danger out of school please contact Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224, by email at childrens@somerset.gov.uk or the police.

APPs of the Week



'Teach your Monster to Read' is an excellent app that supports and develops phonics in Year R and Year 1.



'Doodle Maths' is a bit pricey at £5.99 a month but is a great resource for supporting understanding in Maths and guiding children through Maths concepts relevant for their year, albeit with a slightly robotic voice. There are several other apps in the 'Doodle' family. There is no contract, so in the event of self isolation or lockdown, a month's subscription would support progress pretty well.



'Squeebles' is another bundle of educational apps that support learning mainly in English and Maths. It is £22.99 for the lot, or individually they are around the £3.99 mark.

Wellness On Wednesday

Mole class had great fun during the WOW afternoon making crystals! Thank you to those who donated the jars.

Mrs Rew



Graveyard Shift

Could we please ask that the graveyard is not accessed by children playing once picked up as it should be a place of peace and respect.

Black History Month



Throughout the school year we will be exploring and celebrating difference within the UK and around the world. October is Black History Month. Click on the pictures below to find out more about the life and work of these great pioneers of their time.



Find out about the life and work of Rosa Parks by clicking on the image above.



Find out about the life and work of Harriet Tubman by clicking on the image above.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your children only bring water in their bottles, not squash or other drinks. Thank you.

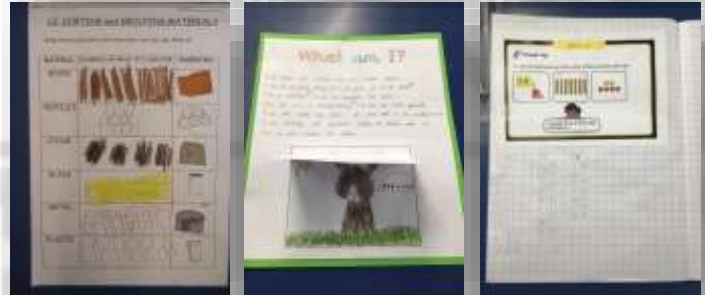
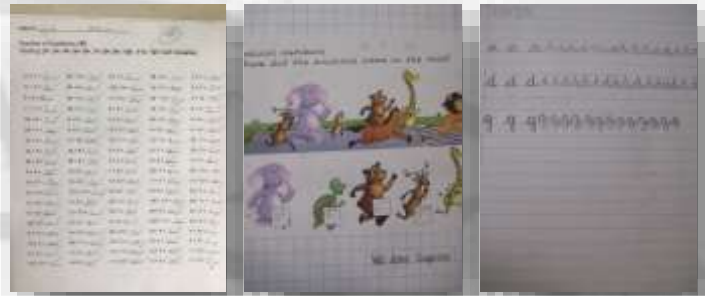
Quote of the Week

'A friend can't always stop the downpour but will always join you for a walk in the rain.'

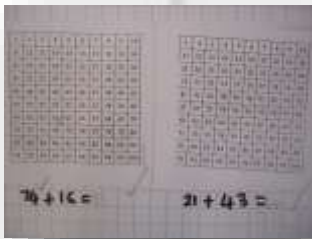
Writers and Mathematicians of the Week

Well done to the following children, who were chosen as the class Writer or the Mathematician of the Week this week:

- Year 1 - Rowan & Ollie
- Year 2 - Kaidence & Alesha
- Year 3 - Nyree & Hollie
- Year 4 - Orlagh & Pembe
- Year 5 - Lily & Dexter
- Year 6 - Ashleigh & Amelia



See a selection of their impressive work below and to the side.



Key Dates: Autumn Term 2020

*subject to alteration due to Covid-19 measures / procedures

Wednesday 21 st October	Class Collective Worship Year 1 - Friendship
Friday 23 rd October	Flu Vaccinations Year 6 Squash and Biscuits*
Monday 26 th to Friday 30 th October	HALF TERM
Monday 9 th November	Parents MHST afternoon 2:00pm-3:00pm*
Monday 9 th & Wednesday 11 th November	Parents' Evening*
Wednesday 11 th November	Whole School Values Day - Thankfulness
16 th – 20 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 27 th November	Year 5 Squash and Biscuits*
Monday 30 th Nov – Tuesday 1 st December	Prayer Space - ADVENT
Tuesday 8 th December	KS1 Nativity - in hall (pm)*
Wednesday 9 th December	KS1 Nativity - in hall (am)*
Friday 11 th December	Image Musical Theatre — Pinocchio*
Tuesday 15 th December	Christmas Dinner* Christmas jumper day
Wednesday 16 th December	Class Collective Worship Year 5 – Thankfulness*
Wednesday 16 th December	Class Christmas Parties*
Thursday 17 th December	Class Christmas Parties*
Friday 18 th December	Carol Service @ 2pm (Year 4 to lead)* Break up for Christmas Holidays