

Newsletter – Friday, 26 April 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to school. I hope you have all had a very enjoyable Easter break. Term 5 is a short term (5 weeks) but a very important one for the school as during term 5, the Year 6 and Year 2 children will be taking their Standardised Assessment Tasks (SATs). It is an opportunity for the children to show all the excellent progress that they have been making with their learning. The children have all been working very hard. Thank you for all the support that you have been giving them at home, particularly with activities such as reading and maths.

Mrs Thomas



As you know, we heard on Monday the very sad news of the death of Mrs Caroline Thomas. A number of children have naturally been upset and worried, particularly those children that have worked more closely with Mrs Thomas. Class teachers and our learning mentors have been supporting children as necessary. Mrs Thomas was a much loved and valued member of the school community. She was always very kind and genuinely interested in the children and was skilled at helping them to do their best with their learning. Mrs Thomas was a very keen and knowledgeable gardener and helped the children with all our gardening projects. She was also an animal lover and helped the children to show care for animals. She will be greatly missed by us all.

Jim Gump Daily Mile Challenge

Today we had a visit from running enthusiast Jim Gump. He told us all about his amazing running and triathlon achievements from running across the USA to completing a triathlon every day for a whole year! His talk was very inspiring. He showed us the many benefits to getting outside and exercising in the great outdoors and shared many stories about extraordinary wildlife encounters. Jim spent time running with us and has encouraged us to take on the 'daily mile' challenge.



Class Topics

Reception Class: the theme is 'Let's Plant it'. They will be studying fruit and vegetables and growing plants. They will also doing a study of Africa and having an African visitor. The books that they will be working with are 'Super Potato' and 'Super Worm'.

Year 1: The class topic is called 'Fire and Water'. They will be studying the life of 'Grace Darling' and the 'Great Fire of London'. They will also be looking at beach safety and having a visit from the RNLI.

Year 2: The theme this term is called 'Under the Sea'. They will be reading 'The Secret of Black Rock' as their class text and learning all about our amazing oceans.

Year 3: Crow class have already completed some great work on their 'Wolves' project and made a visit to 'Wild Places'. The children will be continuing with this topic in term 5.

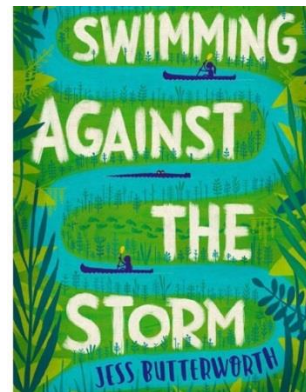
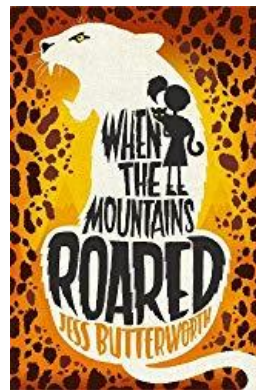
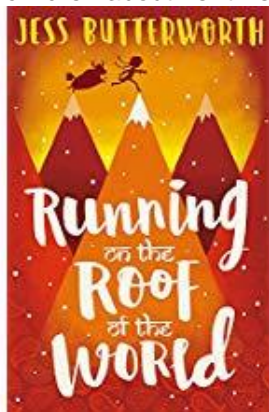
Year 4: The theme for year 4 is 'All about Space and our amazing Universe' and being an astronaut.

Year 5: Kingfisher class will be doing a topic on the 'Tudors' this term, learning about the Tudor Kings and Queens and life in Tudor times.

Year 6: The focus for year 6 this term is preparing for SATs. Wherever possible, the children are working in small groups with adults to help boost the children's understanding in reading, writing and maths.

Jess Butterworth Children's Author

Yesterday, a group of year 5 and 6 children visited Mendip Green School to meet children's author Jess Butterworth. She spoke to the children about her three books:



It was inspiring to hear her talk about these amazing adventure stories, which take you to far off lands and involve some interesting animal encounters. Signed copies of her books are now in our school library.

Clubs

We have a fantastic selection of activity clubs for your children to participate in over the coming weeks.

DAY	Club	Age Group	Time	Cost	Dates	Teacher
Monday	Multisports	Year 1 - 4	3:15>4:15	10 - £1 per week	29th April - 15th July	Primary Stars Football
Tuesday	Football	KS2	3:15>4:15	10 - £1 per week	30th April - 09th July	Primary Stars Football
	Gymnastics	Year 3 & 4	3:15>4:15	Free	23rd April - 21st May	Miss Vaughan
	Revision Club	Yr 6	8:00 > 8:30am	Free	On going	Mrs Wigginton
Wednesday	Yoga	All	3:15>4:15	£3 per Class	1st May - 22nd May	Clare Gorman
	Film Club	Year 1 +	3:15>4:15	Free	1st May - 22nd May	Miss Hutton
	Choir	Year 2 +	3:15>4:15	Free	16th May - 22nd May	Miss Green
	Revision Club	Yr 6	8:00 > 8:30am	Free	On going	Mrs Wigginton
Thursday	Story Time	Reception & Yr1	3:15>4:15	Free	2nd May - 23rd May	Miss Mitchell
	Chess	Yr 4 - Yr6	3:15>4:15	£1 per week	25rd April - 23rd May	Chris Beaumont - European Chess Master Coach
	Football	Year 6	3:15>4:15	Free	2nd May - 23rd May	Mrs Wigginton
	Revision Club	Yr 6	8:00 > 8:30am	Free	On going	Mrs Wigginton



Attendance League Table

Position	Class	Attendance
1	Falcon	97.3%
2	Crow	96.6%
3	Penguin	94.5 %
4	Flamingo	94.1%
5	Kingfisher	93%
6	Blue Jay	91.2%
7	Robin	88%
Average		93.5%

Absence Tel: 0117 9030383

Dates for the diary

Week beginning 13th May – Year 6 SATs week

Week beginning 20th May – Year 2 SATs week

Thursday 23rd May – PTA Movie Night

Friday 24th May – Last day of term

Yours sincerely,

James Hollis,
Head Teacher

