

### **Diary** Dates

#### INSET Days

2.9.22, 5.9.22, 4.1.23, 17.4.23, 18.4.23 Holidays 2021-2022

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Open	Close			
Autumn Term 2022				
Tue 6.9.22	Fri 21.10.22			

Mon 31.10.22 Fri 21.10.22 Mon 31.10.22

#### Spring 2023

Thu 5.1.23 Fri 10.2.23 Mon 20.2.23 Fri 31.3.23

Summer 2023

Tue 18.4.23Fri 26.5.23Mon 5.6.23Fri 21.7.23

**Diary Dates** 

Thu 5.1.23 School opens Fri 20.1.23 Celebration assembly Fri 3.2.23 Celebration assembly Fri 10.2.23 Last day Mon 20.2.23 School opens Fri 3.3.23 Celebration assembly Mon 13.3.23 STEM week Fri 17.3.23 Celebration assembly and Red Nose Day Wed 22.3.23 Community Forest School Play and Stay session 1.15-2.45 Mon 27.3.23 Godley Play week Wed 29.3.22 Parent Teacher Consultation Thu 30.3.23 Parent Teacher Consultation Fri 31.3.23 Easter service. School

# Words from the Woods! Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

'From small beginnings come great things' The parable of The Mustard Seed. Matthew 13: 31-32

#### Dear parents,

Every half term, teachers come together to look at progress in writing and maths. Last night, we looked at writing and it was wonderful to not only see the good progress that the children are making, but their growing love of writing; inspired by the lovely novels and story books that they have been reading. In class 4, teachers were extremely impressed that the pupils were able to write and act out their own play scripts on Perseus and Medusa. They are now writing their own report on a mythical God or Goddess. In Class 3 the pupils have written different genres based on the story of Stig of The Dump. They very much enjoyed writing a new chapter for the story. In Class 2, the children were so inspired by the story Starlight, that they produced their own short stories, that have been proudly displayed in their classroom!

#### **Change of Date - INSET**

Please note that we have moved our INSET from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023 to Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Children will return after the Easter break on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Children will finish for the summer term on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023 at 1.30pm

#### Punctuality

We still have a number of pupils arriving after registration closes. It is paramount that your child or children are **in school BEFORE 8.45am**. Being late causes disruption within the class and can leave pupils who are late feeling anxious and unsettled.

#### Medication

If your child needs medication administered by a trained member of staff during school time, you **MUST** complete an 'Administer Medicine' form found on our <u>school website</u>. We are unable to administer medication without a completed form.

#### Illnesses

We have several illnesses circulating around the school. If your child has a cough or cold, please do try and get them into school. It is OK for you to give them Calpol before school. Just inform the office and we will keep an eye on them. However, if your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea, they must stay at home until 48 hours has passed, since they were last sick or had diarrhoea. For more details on childhood illnesses, please <u>click here</u>.

Love

finishes at 1.30pm

Faith

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Respect



### **Head lice**

We have had a few confirmed cases of head lice. Please can you check your child's hair and treat of necessary. For further information about head lice, please <u>click here</u>



#### **Reflection Garden**

The School Council are raising money to transform our pond area into a peaceful reflection area for our Cadmore family to come together. Below is the link for our 'go fund me' page, please share it with friends and family who you think might like to help fund our project. We have so far raised £110

https://www.gofundme.com/f/reflection-garden?utm\_campaign=p\_cf+share-flow-1&utm\_medium=copy\_link&utm\_source=customer

## News from the Classrooms

In Early Years we have had a very

exciting few weeks! Our classroom was left in a big mess and some eggs were left on the table. We investigated the footprints and discovered that they were dinosaur footprints! The children wrote some fantastic letters to the dinosaur (using all of their clever sounds!) and asked lots of good questions, to find out more about it. The dinosaur even replied to us and thanked us for looking after its eggs!



In forest school, the children designed their very own dinosaur traps. They thought of innovative ways to trap the dinosaur! The children then used the large loose parts in the garden, to build the traps and we left them over the weekend. Guess what? The traps worked and our CCTV picked up a dinosaur visitor!

In our maths learning we have been comparing weight and capacity. The children explored the loose parts and the balancing scales, finding different ways of making them

balance. They used fabulous vocabulary to describe what they could see like "heaviest" and "lighter than".

Mrs Hazell has been putting our tool bench to good use and Class 1 have really enjoyed using it safely. Some children have started their own woodwork projects and have been using the hammer and nails with great accuracy. David also used the tools to help repair the bird table that was blown over in the wind! **Mrs Dawkins and Mrs Molloy** 







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Class 2 have been very busy this term. In English, the children have enjoyed retelling stories, which we had into books.

Our Science topic is 'Everyday Materials'. We used some everyday materials to build houses for the 'The Three Little Wolves' we had great fun testing which houses would blow down when we blew on them with a hair dryer!

Moving Pictures is our DT topic and we looked at some pop up books and books with moving pictures. We have made moving pictures. **Mrs Baird and Mrs Bernard** 













We've had an exciting term so far in Class 3. In English this term we have been looking at Stig of the Dump and the children have written their own exciting chapter of Stig and Barney on a hunt. We worked hard on ending our chapter with a cliff-hanger. We even watched a clip of the Italian Job - one of the greatest cliff-hangers to inspire us! We practiced making our own and read them out loud to the class.

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We also worked on using inverted commas in speech we wrote on the tables and then used dried macaroni as speech marks. **Mr Field** 

This term Class 4 have been exploring the topic 'Groovy Greeks'. In English, we've been looking at Greek Myths... specifically the myth of Perseus and the Gorgon. We wrote our own play scripts based on this myth and had a go at acting scenes from our play out! We have also written a non-chronological report on our own ancient Greek God or Goddess.





In history, we've been finding out about key events in ancient Greek history. We have also been researching a specific area of daily life in ancient Greece as part of a group. As part of this project, pupils worked in small groups to plan a lesson, focusing on one aspect of daily life in ancient Greece, for



**Empathy** 

groups of children in Class 3. Some of

these aspects included food, clothing and children. Class 4 decided their learning objective, how they would share the information (many choosing PowerPoint) and the activity they'd give the Class 3 children. On Tuesday, the children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their learning. Class 3 were superstars and embraced the lessons and activities set by Class 4!

In Art and D.T. we've been finding out more about ancient Greek pottery! We've looked at examples of Greek pottery. Then we sketched our own design and made them using air drying clay. We made Greek dragon eyes using clay too! **Miss Everall** 

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# Stars of the week



Class	Award	Name	Reason
1	Star of the Week	Cody	For settling into nursery so well this term and for joining in carpet time this week too.
	Science		
	Maths	Rory	For being a superstar at combining different amounts to make 6!
	Writer	Olive	For writing a super alternative ending to the story of Hansel and Gretel.
	Values	Tanner	For showing courage when demonstrating the Makaton signs he has learnt to the whole of Class 1
Class	Award	Name	Reason
2	Star of the Week	Kristen	For working so hard and setting a good example to others.
	Science	-	-
	Maths	Emma	For making excellent contributions during maths sessions.
	Writer	Aubree	For writing an excellent story using your story plan.
	Values	Abdul	For showing such a kind and thoughtful attitude towards others.
Class	Award	Name	Reason
3	Star of the Week	Eliana	For making the roof of our miniature bronze age hut and being so helpful.
	Science	/	
	Maths	Sophie	For showing some real maths mastery skill this week.
	Writer	Thea	For writing a good concise chapter of Stig of the Dump ending with a good cliff- hanger.
	Values	Jenni	For always saying thank you and being mature in volunteering to be in a group
Class	Award	Name	Reason
4	Star of the Week	Riley	Continued perseverance with fractions.
	Science	Ashton	For working hard on our science investigation all about melting ice
	Maths	Grace	For always explaining her mathematical thinking clearly and concisely and responding well to challenges!
	Writer	Bradley	For producing a great chronological report
	Values	Harry Ella C	For helping class 3 with their stained-glass windows

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Award	Name	Reason
Forest School	Eliana	For making the roof for the round house with little help
Award		
Tidy Cabin Award	Class 4&3	

Last day of term will be Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. We will be breaking up at 3.15pm.

As always, have a lovely weekend. Kind regards, Mrs Groom Headteacher

