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'Caring, Believing, Achieving'

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This term our Christian value is perseverance. It has linked very well with our PSHE topic of 'Dreams and Goals'. We have listened to stories from the Bible, as well as stories of people in real life who have persevered in pursuit of their dreams. We are trying to ensure that we persevere at the challenges we face in class and make sure that we don't give up, even if at first attempt, we fail.

We were delighted with the news of being ranked in third place for our 2023 SATs results. Well done again to all the staff, the Governors for their ongoing support, and to all of you, for working with us to support your children with their learning. The children's positive attitudes to learning and hard work, not just in Year 6, but throughout their time at Hatherop have to be commended.

PE

This term Skylark class are working on their dance skills in the hall this term. Thank you to Miss Thomas who has been teaching the lessons.



Knitting Club

We have 5 enthusiastic pupils who have signed up to be part of our new knitting club, run by Yvette one of the residents of Hatherop. We look forward to seeing their finished work later in the term.



A message from the Kim at the Salvation Army:

Please accept my huge thanks for your support with our 2023 Christmas appeal. This year we were able to supply gifts and selection boxes to over 370 children, thanks to your donations. You are all fantastic!

I know that each year this makes a huge difference to families and I am always humbled by the kindness of those who give in whatever way they can so that others can have a good Christmas.

Many God bless you all in 2024!

Kim
Territorial Envoy Kim Whyard (Church Leader)
Cirencester Salvation Army

Skylark Class cake sale

As part of their RE topic, Skylark class will be having a cake sale next Tuesday afternoon to raise money for charity. The charity they have chosen is the Cats and Dogs Home. The cake sale will take place during school, and other classes will be invited to come and buy their cakes. Everything will be sold for 50p. Please bring in 50p/£1 to purchase something. Skylark will not be able to give change, so no notes please.



Kingfisher Class

Kingfisher have been looking at paper art this term – here are some examples of the stained-glass windows we have researched, designed and created during our lessons. We have thought about paper, shapes and framing images. *Amelie commented on how one of her favourite things this term is seeing how amazingly creative Kingfisher Class are getting in art!*



RE

In RE this term, Kingfisher Class have been learning about Jewish festivals. This week they found out about the Jewish Harvest Festival called Sukkot. To remember the time that the Jewish people spent in the desert after being freed from Egyptian slavery, Jewish people make a temporary structure in their gardens, called a Sukkah. The children made their own Sukkahs in the classroom. The walls were made out of Lego and they collected natural materials for the roofs.



Forest School

Next term, Reception class will participate in Forest School, led by Toby from the Ernest Cook Trust. There will be 6 weeks of Forest school in the outdoor learning area on site – so no travel to the woods.

Further Outdoor learning dates for the other classes are being arranged with the Ernest Cook Trust, and we will let you know details nearer to the time.

World Book Day

World Book Day is taking place this year on Thursday 7th March. On this day, we are inviting the children to come to school dressed as a favourite character from a book they know well. It would be fantastic if they could bring a copy of their chosen book with them to share with the rest of the class. Please re-use and recycle any household items and clothes to recreate your costumes- we are not expecting shop-bought perfection!

Safer Internet Day

Next week, on the 6th of February we will recognise Safer Internet Day, by reminding the children of how we can keep ourselves safe online. KS2 will watch a live lesson on the BBC, while our younger pupils will have a lesson about keeping safe. Further information will also be sent out to parents to enable you to support at home.

Dates for the Diary:

2 nd February	PTA Cake Sale
6 th February	Safer Internet Day Skylark Cake Sale
9 th February	End of Term
19 th February	Term 4 Starts
21 st February	Parent Governor Nomination Deadline
22 nd February	EYFS Forest School starts
26 th February	KS2 Cross Country
1 st March	Secondary School Allocation Day Author Visit KS1
4 th March	KS2 Cross Country
7 th March	World Book Day
8 th March	Rags2Riches Collection
15 th March	School Beat Officer visit
22 nd March	End of Term – 2pm