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'Caring, Believing, Achieving'

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This term our value is Courage. We have looked at a number of Bible stories such as David and Goliath, the story of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple and the story of Moses being asked to lead his people. We are using these stories as inspiration to encourage us to show bravery in our daily lives. Thank you also to the 'Open the Book' team who come in every fortnight to tell the children Bible stories. The children thoroughly enjoy being able to participate by dressing up and acting, while making links to our value.

This term has so far, been a quiet one, focused on teaching and learning. All the staff had Special Educational Needs training on the first INSET day back in January. The training covered some background information about specific needs as well as giving us practical ideas on how to support all our learners.

During this term, we have also had a visit from our Local Authority Advisor who came to work with subject leaders to further develop our practice. She was very positive about our curriculum and the way in which subject leaders planned and monitored what was being taught.

There are a few sporting events and of course outdoor learning to look forward to as the days get longer and hopefully a bit warmer!

Parent's Evening

Parents evening will be held next term on the 28th February and 1st March (the week after half term) for all classes.

Booking forms and more information will be sent out nearer the time.

Computing Request

If you perhaps have an old computer mouse that you are no longer using, and would like to donate it, that would be much appreciated. Please let Mrs Balloch know if you can help.

Outdoor Learning Dates for 2023

Thank you to the Ernest Cook Trust who have invited us back to participate in their outdoor learning offer as one of their doorstep schools. The days are carefully planned with the ECT to ensure that they complement our curriculum. While you will get more information closer to the time for your class visit, please take note of the following dates:

- 8 Feb – Skylark – Little Red Riding Hood – half day
- 9 March – Red Kite/Year 4 – Bridges – half day
- 15 March – Red Kite – Living Things – half day
- 19 April – Kingfisher – Living Things – half day
- 11 May – Skylark – Wonderful Woodland – full day
- 24 May – Red Kite – Kensuke's Kingdom – full day
- 14 June – Kingfisher – Plant Art/Light – full day
- 21 June – Y4 – River Coln study – full day

New Books

Thanks to a very kind donation made to the school, we were able to purchase a collection of books to expand our inclusive and representative library. The books were carefully chosen to show the diversity of our population. They are books that show diversity in race, culture and family setup. There are simple picture books for our younger readers and as well as more detailed chapter books for our older children.

We look forward to using these books in class and hope that they support us to teach the children to understand, accept and expect diversity, equipping them with kindness and compassion.

A sample of our new books.



ASC/BC bookings

Mrs Scaysbrook continues to be inundated with requests to make bookings for ASC/BC. Please note that bookings can be made up to 12pm the night before. Mrs Scaysbrook will now only make emergency bookings on the day. As per our charging policy, any cancellations need to be made 5 days in advance.

Punctuality Reminder

Please note that school starts **promptly** at 8:45. All pupils begin their work at this time, some go out to read, others take part in intervention groups. Therefore, we ask that you ensure that you arrive before the gates are closed so that they are in class, have had time to organise their belongings and can start their learning on time. The gate is open from 8:35 for children to start arriving.

Playtimes

We have recently bought some new play equipment which the children have been enjoying at playtimes. If you have any other small world (eg dinosaurs, farm animals, small dolls, train sets) or construction (lego or wooden bricks) toys you would like to donate, please let me know. We currently have 2 tuff trays and it would be nice to be able to rotate the activities we have available.



Dates for the Diary:

Thursday 2 nd February	Gloucester Cathedral and Mosque Trip – Year2/3
Tuesday 7 th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 8 th February	Outdoor Learning Skylark Class
Thursday 9 th February	Rags to Riches collection
Friday 17 th February	Half term starts 3pm
Monday 27 th February	School starts
Tuesday 28 th February	Parents Evening
Wednesday 1 st March	Parents Evening
Monday 20 th March	Science Dome visit – more information to follow
Monday 27 th March	Start of Art Week
Thursday 30 th March	Art Exhibition in school