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Head Teacher's Blog

We enjoyed our Tuesday in the Church again this week. The children are really enjoying their 'time to chat to God' and share such wonderful thoughts of kindness and care for others. This week we talked about what God meant to them, the answers were beautiful, here are some of them:

- *God is in everything, he is in the animals, the trees and the world*
- *God cares for us and looks after us*
- *God is with us all the time to chat to*
- *God is there for me to share my worries with*
- *God is my friend*
- *God is with all the people who are crying to care for them*

The children have a wonderful sense of belonging at Timberscombe. Next week we are joined by Mr M and Rev'd Caroline for a service about the Pentecost.

The children enjoy singing and so far have practiced many hymns, lots with actions. Ask them what their favourite one is.

In other news, isn't it great to have an update on our ducklings. Thank you Mrs Waygood! This learning is so invaluable for our children: The learning that involves looking after animals, the realities of the cleaning and care alongside learning how to be gentle and have a safe cuddle is invaluable. Such extensive learning around new life, hatching our chicks, with all the messy, beautiful and sad aspects of these topics, we are very proud to offer these enriched experiences here at Timberscombe which fit so well with our rural location. We have never slimmed our curriculum, because to us the children need all learning experiences to thrive and we are preparing them for life.

In addition, as you know wellbeing is of paramount importance and when you see the children with the animals—you can see such happy learners!

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Naomi Philp

Our school is about kindness, caring for others, ourselves, and our world.

Our school values our faith, our location, our community and most of all each other.

Little Oaks News

The children have really enjoyed focusing on the book Handa's Surprise this week, as part of our topic on Africa. Class one have also been reading this book and it was lovely to get all the children together to sample the different fruits that feature in the story. They used all their senses to explore the fruits and enjoyed tasting many of them!



Yesterday was World Bee Day and beekeepers and nature conservationists are asking everybody to help improve the conditions for bees by:

- Buying honey and other hive products from your local beekeeper.
- Raising awareness among young people on the importance of bees to our eco-system
- Setting up a nectar cafe in your garden:
<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/plant-flowers-bees-and-pollinators>
- Preserving meadows that feature a diverse array of flowers
- Cutting grass on meadows only after the nectar-bearing plants have finished blooming.
- Only using pesticides that don't harm bees and using them in windless weather, either early in the morning or late at night, when bees withdraw from blossoms.
- Mulching blooming plants before spraying them with pesticides so that they do not attract bees after being sprayed.

Key Dates—subject to the government road map

26.05.21—Whole School and Leavers Photographs
 28.05.21—last day of half term
 07.06.21—Inset Day
 16.06.21–18.06.21—Y4 Pinkery Residential
 21.06.21—Road Map Step 4
 25.06.21—Y4 pm visit to MMS
 29.06.21—18.30 Y4 Parents Google Meet with MMS
 01.07.21—Whole School Beach Day
02.07.21—Outreach Team Drop In
 07.07.21—Whole School Move Up Day (Y4 at MMS)
 13.07.21—Sports Day (Dunster) From 1.30 for parents
 14.07.21—Reserve Date for Sports Day
 14.07.21—Teddy Bear's Picnic
 23.07.21—Leavers Service and Last day of term
 02.09.21 & 03.09.21—Inset Days
 06.09.21—Back to school 2021-2022

An Extract from Thought for the Week

Ed Gregory

Director of Education, Diocese of Bath and Wells

As we reach another easing of the lockdown restrictions, there is a greater sense of communities building back – building back together, building back stronger, building back with purpose and hope. School and church communities are a key part of this. As many communities rebuild, we realise how many connections and relationships we depend upon, because we have found them essential during this unprecedented time or because we have missed them greatly.

We are all uniquely individual and yet we are so dependent on community and relationships in our wonderfully inter-connected existence. Thank you for all that you are doing to encourage hope and to build back flourishing communities and relationships.

Dear God, thank you for connections

For connections with each other

For connections to our world

For connections through our spirituality

For connection with you

Help me to do all I can

to build back community

to help positive relationships

to flourish

Amen



Safeguarding



Private Fostering

Is your child living with another family?

Have you been looking after someone else's child for 28 days or more?

Do you know a child that's being looked after outside their close family?

If so, the child may be living in a private fostering arrangement.

The law says you must tell Children's Social Care if you know about any private fostering arrangements. This is so we can make sure the children are well looked after and to give support to their carers.

fostering
in Somerset

Call Somerset Direct: 0300 123 2224
or email: childrens@somerset.gov.uk

If you think you are privately fostering a child or know about a child who is being privately fostered, then don't worry, it is allowed. But you do need to tell us - we have a legal duty to ensure that all children who are privately fostered are cared for in a safe and suitable environment.

To report a private fostering arrangement, please call our Contact Centre in confidence on 0300 123 2224 or email childrens@somerset.gov.uk

For general enquiries please email:
PrivateFostering@somerset.gov.uk



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Duckling update

Here are 2 of our Timberscombe ducklings, Jemima and Rosie, who now happily reside with Mrs Waygood. We still don't know whether



Jemima will need to be renamed Jagger or if Rosie will become Rafael! Did you know that drakes don't quack?



Our Star of the week is Connor, for showing such a great attitude in everything he does and being a credit to our school

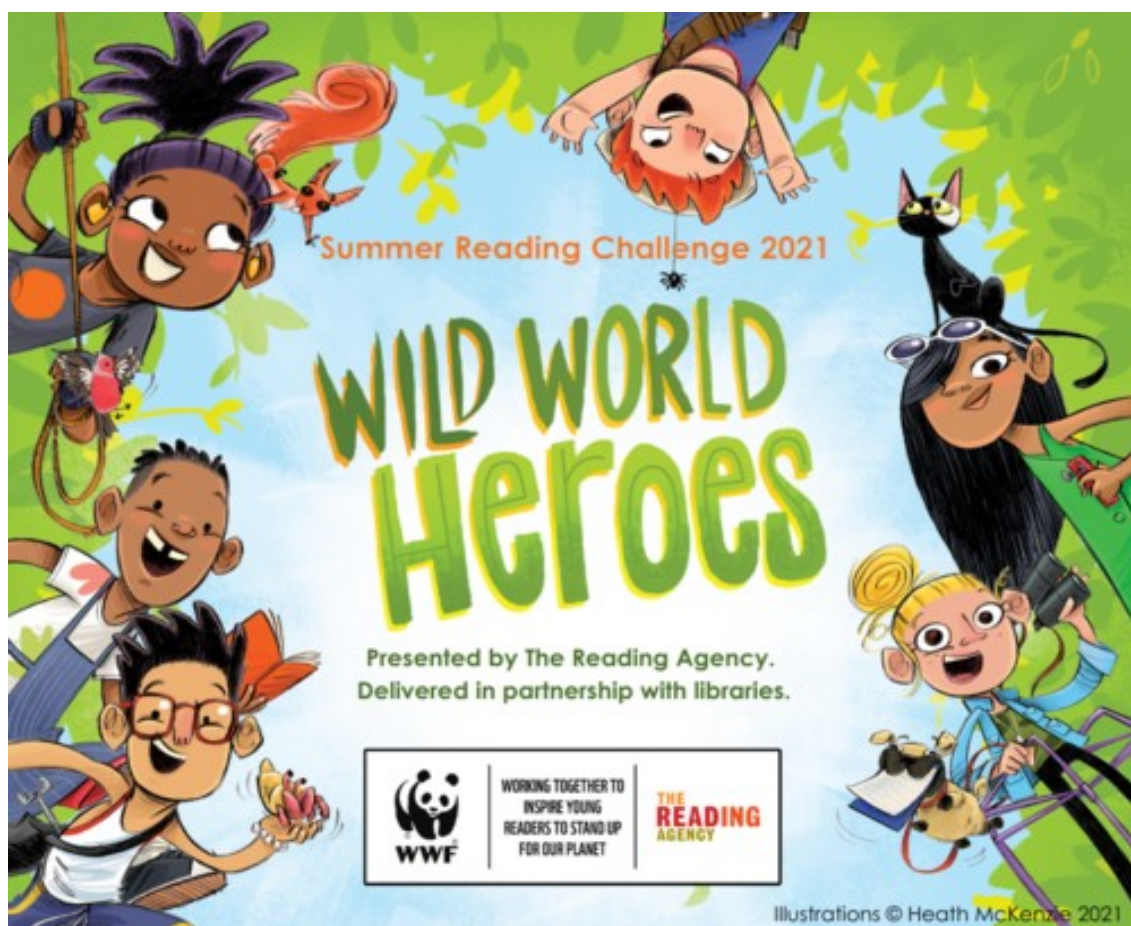
Class 1 The Achievement Award this week is for Max, for his fantastic letter about a journey in literacy. The Kindness Award is for Emme, for supporting others in the classroom and playground.

Class 2 Sam gets an Achievement Award for learning to tie his shoe laces, showing great perseverance in the process. Leo also gets an Achievement Award for super topic work in geography

Growth Mindset Weekly

"Everyone can rise above their circumstances and achieve success if they are dedicated and passionate about what they do"

Nelson Mandela



We're so excited to reveal the theme for the Summer Reading Challenge 2021!

Get ready for **Wild World Heroes**, arriving **online** and in your **local library** this summer.

Pack your bags, we're headed for Wilderville!

It's a pretty cool place, but there are lots of things that the Wild World Heroes can do to make their town even better for the people and animals that live there.

Join the Wild World Heroes for the Summer Reading Challenge and discover how you can make a difference to the environment too.

We're teaming up with **WWF** for a very special nature-themed Challenge that will inspire you to stand up for the planet!

Wild World Heroes will feature amazing books, awesome rewards, and plenty of ideas for taking care of our environment.

Are you excited to join the **#WildWorldHeroes** this summer?

Keep an eye on our [blog](#) for all the latest Summer Reading Challenge news

On the Summer Reading Challenge website you can find:

Find a Read - Book Sorter - Reading Club

Chat - Activities - News - Games

The Mental Health Benefits of learning a New Skill



Research has proven that lifelong learning, whether acquiring a skill like bookkeeping or taking up an activity like bird watching or a pastime like pottery, can greatly improve your mental wellbeing as it adds meaning to life.



Learning something new makes you a more interesting person to be around.

It improves the quality of your life and also deepens the relationships you have.

It can boost your self-esteem and give you a sense of purpose, it activates the release of the feel - good chemical dopamine in the brain and helps you cope with the stress and strain of everyday life while increasing your energy levels and immunity.

Keep learning – knowledge fuels self-confidence!

Spending time doing something creative, whether it's learning to kayak or taking up crochet, there are so many benefits to experience as the activity becomes a mindful distraction from stress. It allows you the headspace to reassess any problems you may have.

When you overcome the challenges of learning a new skill this creates feelings of accomplishment and achievement, which can motivate us to do even more.

EDDIES HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMP



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4:30

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Minimum 4 hours



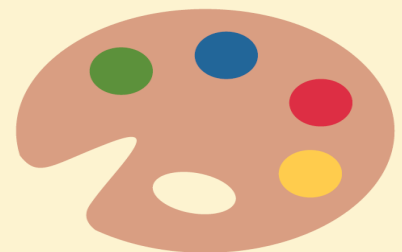
**June 1st
- June**

4th 2021

Reception to year 8

WSAT HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMP

To book - email
holidayclub@wsat.org.uk



**TUESDAY
1ST
Arts and
Crafts**

**WEDNESDAY
2ND
Games
and Films**

**THURSDAY
3RD
Cooking**

**FRIDAY
4TH
Games on
the Field**