



Moorland Federation

TIMBERSCOMBE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL

Nurturing our unique acorns, for the infinite possibilities of the mighty oaks they shall become.

13th January 2023

Inspired by John 10:10, Gideon 6:11 and Corinthians 13:4



News From School

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the Spring term in full flow, the children have already got stuck into their learning, displays are going up and they are eager to find out what is coming next. We have been talking to all the children about what the curriculum is and asking for their ideas to help us to plan exciting learning opportunities for them.

Class One have started their Great Fire of London History theme and have learnt about how life has changed since 1666. We have been learning about and creating algorithms on the computers and were fascinated by magic colour mixing in art! In literacy we have learnt the story of Puss in Boots and have used adjectives to describe the characters and story settings.

Class Two have had a busy two weeks. They have started looking at a new text in literacy. They have been focusing on the characters and the setting within the Spiderwick chronicles, alongside using dictionaries to find definitions of unfamiliar words in the story. Next week they will be moving on to focus on comparing the real world to the imaginary one.

In geography children have started the new topic which is the mighty earth. They have been using atlases to look at the UK and the physical geographical features. They are looking forward to learning about volcanoes and earthquakes in the coming weeks. In Art children have learnt a story and they have been drawing pictures to match with the scenes in the story.

Have a great weekend, hopefully a little drier than it has been this week,

Mrs Angela Hall

AWARDS

STAR OF THE WEEK

This week our star of the week is Percy for being focused and showing a growth mind set within lessons and Toby for coming back to school, with an excellent attitude towards his learning.



Class One:

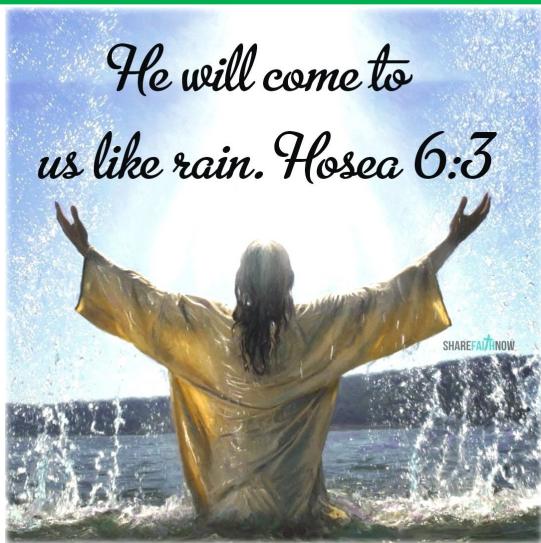
Achievement Awards go to Amelia C for amazing reading and Evie for super phonics.

Kindness Awards go to Archie and Olivia for always collecting Mrs Hall's photocopying when sent to print!

Class Two:

Achievement Awards go to: Oscar C for some lovely literacy work and detailed art story and Edward for perseverance within lessons

Kindness Awards go to: Hermione for always offering to help friends and teachers and Noah for always having a smile on his face and helping his friends.



Key Dates:

- 19.01.2023—Bristol Trip Meeting at 4.30pm
St. Dubricius, Porlock —YEAR 3 ONLY
- 03.02.2023—Last Friday Football
- 10.02.2023—Last Day Of Term
- 20.02.2023—Inset Day
- 21.02.2023—First Day Of Term
- 16.03.2023—Bristol Trip YEAR 3 ONLY
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*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.
We aim to instill a life long love of learning.*

News from Little Oaks

Happy New Year from everyone in Little Oaks! It was really lovely hearing about all the exciting things the children had done over Christmas and the presents that Santa had brought them. It seems so long ago already.



We have been talking about Winter and the Frozen Planet and the children have enjoyed making habitats for penguins and polar bears and learning about other polar animals. We have looked at the properties of ice and what happens when water freezes and ice gets warm and we have done lots of winter crafts. We have even made 'hot chocolate' in the water tray and had lots of fun pouring and spooning.

The weather has been shocking but we do try and get outside even when it is raining. Please could the children try and bring wellies and a waterproof coat, to leave here during the week. Please let us know if they do not have a waterproof coat as we do have some all-in-one suits that they can borrow.

A list of topics for this term will follow shortly.

Mrs King & Miss Cook



Safeguarding



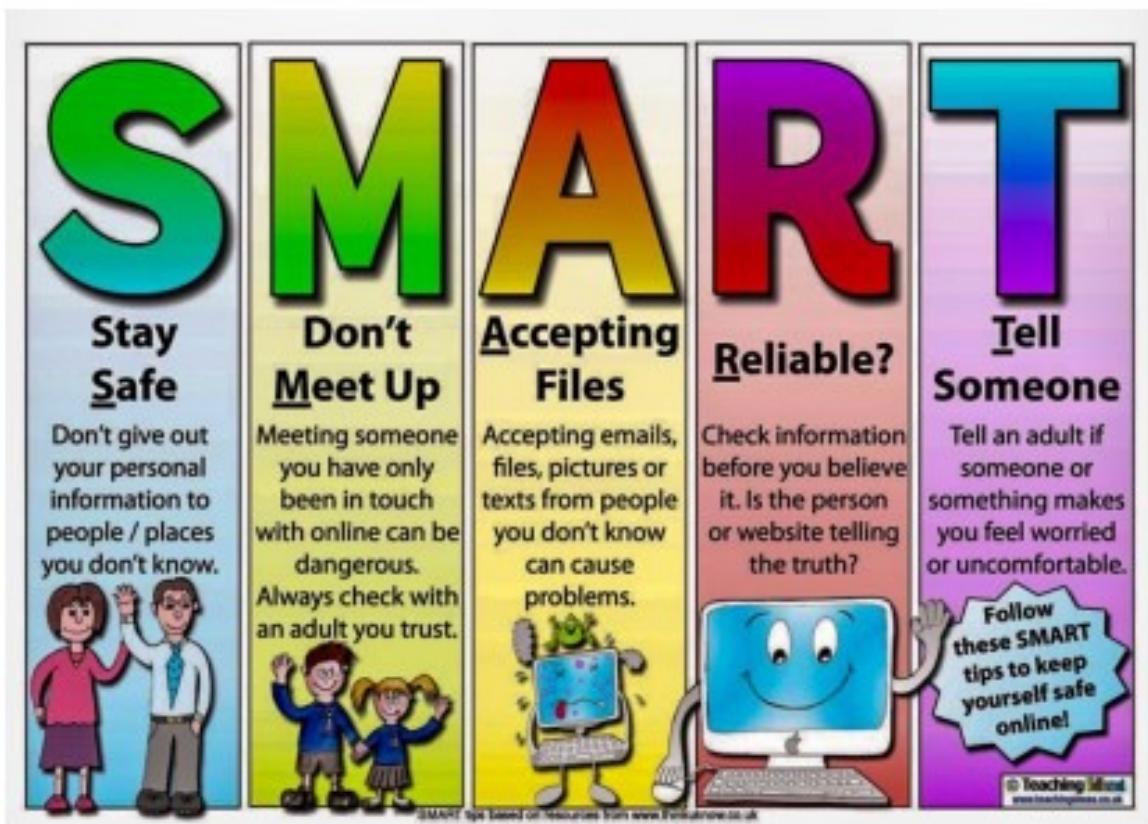
Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

If your child is not going to be in school please let the office know via ParentMail, telephone or email.

Please report your child's absence by 9am

DATE FOR DIARIES- Safer Internet Day 7th February 2023



We are all responsible for keeping children safe at all times. The school's Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Angela Hall and the Deputy Leads are Mrs Hickman & Mrs Arch

MY FAVOURITE TREE COMPETITION²⁰²³

WHAT TO DO...

RECREATE YOUR FAVOURITE TREE AS A DRAWING, PAINTING, MIX MEDIA OR ANY MEDIUM. IN 3D OR 2D . YOU ALSO NEED TO ADD 5 DESCRIPTIVE OR EMOTIONAL WORDS ABOUT YOUR TREE. DON'T FORGET TO ADD YOUR DETAILS, SEE ALL T'S & C'S ON COMPETITION FORM WHEN IT COMES OUT. YOU MUST ATTACH A COMPETITION FORM AS PART OF YOUR ENTRY.

**Are you creative & age 4-18?
Competition opens 2nd Jan 2023!**

WHO CAN ENTER?

THERE ARE 3 AGE GROUPS, 4-8, 9-13 & 14-18 WITH ONE TOP PRIZE FOR EACH AGE GROUP, AND HIGHLY COMMENDED FOR THE RUNNERS UP. EVERY ENTRY WILL BE PLOTTED ONTO A MAP FOR OTHERS TO SEE, EXPLORE AND ENJOY.*

THE PRIZES

WINNER PRIZES: A WOODEN PLAQUE, A 'MY FAVOURITE TREE' BOOK, A CHOCOLATE TREE

HIGHLY COMMENDED PRIZES: A 'MY FAVOURITE TREE' BOOK, A CHOCOLATE TOKEN

OPENING & CLOSING DATES
2ND JANUARY- 31ST MARCH 2023

GET IN TOUCH TO GRAB YOURSELF A COMPETITION FORM

**FROM YOUR SCHOOL, WILDWELLIES@GMAIL.COM OR
KERRIE@THREEATOP.CO.UK**





September 2022						October 2022						November 2022					
M		5	12	19	26	M	3	10	17	24	31	M		7	14	21	28
Tu		6	13	20	27	Tu	4	11	18	25		Tu	1	8	15	22	29
W		7	14	21	28	W	5	12	19	26		W	2	9	16	23	30
Th	1	8	15	22	29	Th	6	13	20	27		Th	3	10	17	24	
F	2	9	16	23	30	F	7	14	21	28		F	4	11	18	25	
Sa	3	10	17	24		Sa	1	8	15	22	29	Sa	5	12	19	26	
Su	4	11	18	25		Su	2	9	16	23	30	Su	6	13	20	27	
December 2022						January 2023						February 2023					
M		5	12	19	26	M	2	9	16	23	30	M		6	13	20	27
Tu		6	13	20	27	Tu	3	10	17	24	31	Tu		7	14	21	28
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March 2023						April 2023						May 2023					
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June 2023						July 2023						August 2023					
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Sa	3	10	17	24		Sa	1	8	15	22	29	Sa		5	12	19	26
Su	4	11	18	25		Su	2	9	16	23	30	Su		6	13	20	27

Key:

- School Holiday
- Bank Holiday
- Term Time
- Inset Days

Term dates summary:

- Term 1: 01 September – 21 October 2022 (37 days)
- Term 2: 31 October – 16 December 2022 (35 days)
- Term 3: 03 January – 10 February 2023 (29 days)
- Term 4: 20 February – 31 March 2023 (30 days)
- Term 5: 17 April – 26 May 2023 (29 days)
- Term 6: 05 June – 21 July 2023 (35 days) **TOTAL = 195**

Bank and public holidays 2022/23

Christmas Day Bank Holiday	27 December 2022*	Easter Monday	10 April 2023
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	26 December 2022	May Day Bank Holiday	01 May 2023
New Year's Day Holiday	02 January 2023*	Spring Bank Holiday	29 May 2023
Good Friday	07 April 2023	Summer Bank Holiday	28 August 2023

*Replacement Bank Holiday day when the Bank Holiday falls on a weekend

Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with the individual schools for their term dates.