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Dear Parents

Well, what a week it has been! Even with such changeable weather and spontaneously combusting cars, we have still found time to celebrate Harvest, taking time to be grateful for the good things we have. As ever, I remain hugely grateful to you all for your positivity and support as we continue through the changing times we find ourselves in.



Harvest Week

This morning the whole school joined together (virtually, of course) to celebrate Harvest and to share some of the things each class has been working on.

There were some wonderful collages from Year 1 who have been thinking about the food we eat. Reception sang us a wonderful harvest song, something to lift our spirits. In Year 2, the children have spent some time thinking of all the things they are grateful for, while Year 4 shared similar sentiments in the form of Haiku.

Finally, Year 3 took on a Bake Off challenge, making harvest mice to sit alongside the stunning Harvest loaf – why not chat to Mrs Richardson about that one!

It was a really special time for us to stop, take stock and reflect on all the good things we have.

I would like to thank everyone for their huge generosity in donating a small mountain of food for the Wimborne Food Bank. Mr Scouse, a long-standing governor at the school, kindly delivered our donations this afternoon, ready to be prepared and given to families who really need it. Your kindness is brilliant and the children have loved being part of the giving of these gifts.



Parent Consultations

Next week we will open the bookings for this term's Parent Consultations. This year we will be conducting these over Zoom and more details will follow next week. Consultations will be available on Monday 19th, Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd November.

Attendance

Finally, I would like to say a huge well done to everyone this week as our weekly attendance across the school is 98.7% - with EYFS leading the way with 100% attendance. What a healthy bunch we have here!

Have a good weekend all.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. T. Williams
Headteacher



This Week:

To help support you at home and to spark conversations about learning, here is what the children have been covering this week.

	English	Mathematics
Reception	<p>his week in reception class in our literacy work we have learnt the sounds i, n, m, and d. We have drawn m's with mud and also learnt how to write the other sounds too.</p> <p>We have also learnt several Harvest Festival songs to the tunes of nursery rhymes, one of which we sang to the whole school in our collective worship today.</p> <p>In our other activities we have made a scarecrow, played with the farm, made barns using the construction toys to fit a tractor, used harvest objects to do some counting to 10, made pumpkins by winding orange wool and fruit printing patterns too.</p>	<p>In maths we have been learning to read, count and write the number 4. We have been really clever and even did some problem solving to find out how many ways we could arrange four cubes as well.</p>
Year 1	<p>This week in literacy, we read the story of Willy and Hugh by Anthony Browne. Year 1 discussed the theme friendship. We came up with a range of adjectives to describe Willy's personality, appearance and emotions, then used these to write a character description. We have continued to practise phase 3 sounds, including 'ear', 'air' and 'ure', which are very tricky, so well done Year 1!</p>	<p>In maths, Year 1 explored part-part-whole diagrams further, we used addition to help us find the missing wholes. We have also started to become familiar with the number bonds to 10, some of which Year 1 have managed to memorise.</p>
Year 2	<p>This week Year 2 have written some great stories about escaping across the River Thames to get away from the Great Fire of London! Their work is becoming more detailed and clearly presented.</p>	<p>In maths this week we have been looking at addition and subtraction of single digit numbers to and from 2-digit numbers. This begins a long unit of work on basic number operations.</p>
Year 3	<p>Year 3 have been learning how information is organised with techniques such as headings, subheadings, boxes, pictures with captions. They used their knowledge of Hampreston's history to create their own informative leaflet. The spelling focus this week was different ways to make the sound 'ay' (there are lots!)</p>	<p>In maths we are learning to add and subtract 10s and 100s from a 3 digit number, including crossing boundaries of hundreds (e.g. $183 + 20 = 203$). We are practising the 3 times table at speed, out of order. Children who are confident can learn the associated division facts, e.g. $27 \div 3 = 9$.</p>
Year 4	<p>This week we have been doing some letter writing from the point of view of the main character from the book Stone Age Boy. We set out letters correctly, edited them and then wrote them in best using the computers.</p>	<p>In maths we have been comparing 4digit numbers using the greater than and less than signs. We have also recapped rounding and how to round to the nearest 1000.</p>

Diary Dates 2020-2021

Autumn Term	
W/B: 19 th October	Virtual Parent Consultations
Friday 23 rd October	Half-term Break up @ 3pm
Half Term	
Monday 2 nd November	INSET DAY
Friday 18 th December	Last day of term – Break up @ 3pm
Spring Term	
Monday 4 th January	Proposed - INSET DAY
Friday 12 th February	Break up @ 3pm
Half Term	
Monday 22 nd February	School Opens
Thursday 1 st April	Last day of term – Break up @ 3pm
Summer Term	
Monday 19 th April	School Opens
Half Term	
Monday 7 th June	School Opens