



Abbas and Templecombe Church of England Primary School



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Collective Worship Reflections



Collective Worship

This week we have continued our start of year focus on our four primary school values: love, perseverance, respect and inspire. Classes have especially focused on perseverance this week. During our Friday reflection times we shared pupils' reflections on this focus. Emerald's Rebecca said, "The shepherd showed perseverance because he really wanted to find his sheep." And Ruby's Holly shared, "I persevered to learn to ride my bike."



Worker of the Week



Diamond

Reggie for his enthusiasm in our animal topic. Reggie has been finding out lots of information from non-fiction texts and showed great perseverance in our Australian animal scavenger hunt!

Alice for her excellent focus in handwriting sessions. Alice has made lots of progress and is beginning to use her pre-cursive writing in English sessions!

Emerald

Oscar for an interesting and carefully written piece of information writing about the Pitcombe Rock owls.

Victoria for having a really positive learning attitude and excellent participation this week.

Ruby

Darcey for working extremely hard in English this week and applying her grammar knowledge to her writing.

Phillip for his excellent attitude towards his learning and engaging beautifully in class discussions.

Topaz

Megan for showing great thinking skills in Maths this week.

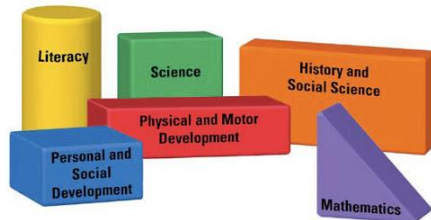
Ruby for producing a detailed information sheet about vertebrates in science.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the children who completed our Summer Reading Challenge, who received a special award certificate in this morning's assemblies. If you still have a completed sheet at home which hasn't been sent in yet, please bring it to school next week and your child will receive a certificate.

A big well done to all of you!



Our Curriculum



TOPIC – Amazing Animals

We have begun our amazing animal's topic with a brilliant hook event – the children loved hearing about, seeing and even helping to fly the various birds that Alan brought in from Pitcombe Rock Falconry. It has certainly inspired some brilliant work this week.



Updates

Parent Consultations

The Autumn Term parent consultation letters came home last week, please send responses back to class teachers as soon as possible – thank you to those that have already done so. Different classes have different dates and times so please be sure to complete a separate form for each child.

School Term Dates/Diary Dates

We have been informed that due to the special Jubilee Bank Holiday during the summer half term holiday, all schools (pupils and staff) have been **granted an additional day's holiday** during this school year. Somerset County Council have set this day as **Friday 22nd October 2021**, therefore we will now break up for the half term holiday at 3.30pm on Thursday 21st October. We are sorry for the inconvenience this will cause some of you

around work. You will find the revised 2021/2022 academic year dates on the school website.

Attached to this newsletter you will find our Diary Dates as far as we know them for this year. Please be aware that these are all subject to postponement or cancellation at short notice in line with any change in Government guidelines/internal school staffing pressures.

School Applications – Year 6 pupils

It is vital that applications for Secondary Schools are submitted before the deadline of Sunday 31st October. Applications need to be made through Somerset County Council's website: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/#starting-school>. As well as linking to an online application form, this webpage holds a wealth of related information, including a directory of schools, catchment areas and admissions policies.

Open Evening information:

King Arthur's School – Monday 20th September from 4pm

Gillingham School – Thursday 23rd September, 6.30-8.30pm

Sturminster Newton High School – Thursday 30th September, 6.30-8.30pm

Gryphon School - Tuesday 5th October (timings to follow when available)



PTA

Our PTA does amazing work organising events and raising money to purchase things for pupils that we simply wouldn't be able to provide due to our funding levels. For these events to take place a very dedicated team of volunteers meet regularly to discuss ideas, plan and agree spending with school staff. As the PTA is a registered charity it must meet annually for an AGM to agree positions, report on the year just gone and plan for the year ahead. This meeting is taking place on **Tuesday 12th October at 7pm** in school.

The PTA need your help if they are to continue with their vital work. Due to the pandemic, we haven't seen many younger pupils' parents coming forward and hope now that this will change. Please do come to this meeting, meet the team and consider how you might be able to support, in whatever way you can – without a growth in this leadership team, many events will simply not be able to take place this year.

Festival of the Moon at Wells Cathedral

This autumn, Wells Cathedral is hosting a festival to celebrate the visit of Luke Jerram's spectacular touring artwork: *Museum of the Moon*. A whole constellation of activities and events, including live shows, music, school displays and tours, will be on offer throughout the *Moon's* stay from 12th October to 3rd November, with something to satisfy all tastes and ages! Why not visit the Moon this October half-term? Full details and booking information can be found at <https://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/cathedral-events/festival-of-the-moon/>

We hope you all have a great weekend.

Mr Webb

Enc: Diary dates



Is your child starting Primary School in September 2022?



Please join us for a tour of our School and meet our staff

You are warmly invited to visit our school and see it 'in action'. You will be welcomed by our Head Teacher and have the opportunity to meet our Early Years Staff. We hope to be able to answer any questions that you may have related to the school and applying for a place. We will also be able to share our Parent's Guide which provides more information.

The tours will take place on:
Wednesday 20th October at 9.45am
Thursday 4th November at 1.45pm
Tuesday 16th November at 9.45am



Please contact Mrs Michelle Greene (01963 370481) to let us know which tour you would like to join. If these dates are not convenient, please do contact the school office to book an informal tour at another time.

We hope to see you soon

