



Frome Valley First School & Preschool News Weekly



*"Together, with God's love, we learn,
nurture and grow, without limits."*

Message from Mrs Moore

Dear Parents and Carers,
We are currently reviewing our playtimes and exploring how we can make them even better for all our children. As part of this, we are introducing the Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) Primary Programme, which aims to transform playtimes into richer and more inspiring experiences. <https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/>



To help us move forward, we would really value your thoughts. All children will come home with a survey today. Please can you complete this and give it to the class teacher or put it in the pink box in the main reception. Your feedback is incredibly important to us as we look at how to create the best possible play opportunities for every child.

Take care in the challenging weather and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Moore

Stars of the Week



Reception	Tigah
Year 1	Oliver
Year 2	Ernie
Year 3	Seb
Year 4	Oz

Frome Valley Facebook

A reminder that our Facebook page is up and running with photos, news and useful information.



The link is

<https://www.facebook.com/people/Frome-Valley-CE-First-School/61584552740925/#>

History Week – Bringing Our Curriculum to Life!

A reminder to all that we have History week next week from the **4th – 6th February**.

As part of our celebration, children are invited to come to school on **Friday 6th**

February in fancy dress linked to their year group's current History topic. These themes reflect areas of learning from our curriculum and help children step into the shoes of the people they are studying.

Costume Themes by Year Group

Reception – Pirates

Linked to their topic on early exploration and storytelling. Children can come dressed in simple items such as an eye patch, belt, pirate hat or bandana.

Years 1 & 2 – Explorers

Supporting their curriculum focus on significant explorers and journeys, children are invited to wear adventure ready clothing such as a backpack, binoculars and outdoor gear.

Year 3 – Evacuees

As part of their learning on World War II, Year 3 will explore what life was like for evacuee children. Simple costumes might include old fashioned clothing and a name tag.

Year 4 – Romans

Year 4 are studying Roman Britain. Children can come dressed in Roman inspired outfits such as a toga (made from a sheet), a leaf crown or Roman helmet.

This special week gives pupils the chance to engage actively with the past, make meaningful connections to their classroom learning and develop a deeper appreciation of the people, events and cultures that have shaped our world.

We look forward to a fantastic week of discovery and creativity!

Upcoming Events: Dates for your Diary!

4th – 6th Feb	Special School Week - History	18th Mar	Year 4 Wessex Singing Festival
13th Feb	Safer Internet Day	19th Mar	Children Clothes Swap
16th – 20th Feb	Half Term	20th Mar	Comic Relief Fundraiser
5th March	World Book Day and Stories at 6 (6-6.30pm)	20th Mar	Year 3 and 4 Sharing Assembly 9am (will last approximately 45 minutes)
10th March	Year 3 visit to Dorchester Museum	25th Mar	Reception Class, Year 1 and 2 Sharing Assembly 9am (will last approximately one hour)
16th – 17th Mar	Parent Interviews Year 1, 2 and 3	25th – 27th Mar	Year 4 Residential – Hooke Court
17th and 24th Mar	Parent Interviews Year 4	30th Mar – 10th Apr	Easter Holidays
17th Mar	Class Photos	13th Apr	INSET Day – school closed to children

What are we learning in our classrooms next week?

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
In Literacy, we will be practicing writing short 2 and 3 letter words.	In Literacy, we are learning to write an advert for our mermaid costumes.	In Literacy, we will sequence the main events of the story and begin to plan our own versions of the story.	In Literacy, we will plan and write a dialogue between characters, using speech punctuation.	In Literacy, we will be writing using fronted adverbials and figurative language.
In Numeracy, we will be matching numerals to a group of objects.	In Numeracy, we are learning to understand and use a number line to 20.	In Numeracy, we will make equal groups through sharing and grouping.	In Numeracy, we are starting to learn the "bus stop" method for dividing 2-digit and 3-digit numbers.	In Numeracy, we are focusing on answering worded problems.
As part of our History week celebrations, we will be learning about our local area.	In Art, we are evaluating the tree of life mythology and children are applying their paper making skills to make a sculpture.	In Computing, we will continue to create our own algorithms for the BeeBots to follow.	In Science, we are learning how fossils are sometimes formed when a living thing dies.	In Music, we are focusing on learning all the new songs ready for the Year 4 music concert in March.

Do ask your child about their learning!

If you need any further information, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Collective Worship Group

Our Collective Worship Group have begun the 'Archbishops' Young Leaders Award'. They have been learning about what it means to be a leader, exploring qualities such as kindness, responsibility, courage and service. The children have already shown great enthusiasm and are looking forward to putting their learning into action through projects that make a positive difference in our school and wider community. A big thank you to Mrs Becki Best, Family and Children's Worker at St Aldhelm's, Crossways who is leading this programme with our pupils. It is wonderful to have such a close link with our local parish community.





Committee News



Last Friday, the Eco Schools Team held their first assembly with the whole school. They told the pupils about all their hard work so far including the **Eco Action Plan** for the year:

Action Plan

Eco School Topic 1: **Marine Sea Animals and Plants**

- ❖ Use less one-use plastic: no cling-film in lunch boxes
- ❖ Re-use and Recycle (class recycling bins, clothes recycling)



Eco School Topic 2: **Energy**



- ❖ Turn of lights when not needed- last person out the room!



- ❖ Turn of the IWB when not needed- last person out the room!

- ❖ Powerdown afternoons- only use essential electricity 1 Friday every month.

Save Electricity



Eco School Topic 3: **Waste**



- ❖ Recycle- paper, food waste, plastics, glass, batteries...
- ❖ Check recycle bins and bins are being used correctly
- ❖ Clothes recycling- Autumn
- ❖ Children's Clothes Swap- Thursday 19th March; more info to follow!



Preschool News

We have had another busy week in Preschool! Tuesday afternoon we visited the Forest School area where the children explored the mud kitchen and took it in turns to climb the tree. Our Butterflies went on a shape hunt in the outside area and extended their hunt into the school playground; they found a variety of 2D shapes. One of the Butterfly focus groups introduced ABAB patterns where they demonstrated amazing understanding extending their patterns to ABCABC patterns, fantastic!

The Caterpillars focused on rote counting, using objects such as cotton reels to create towers in preparation to practise their counting in sequence. We explored lots of mark making both inside and outside using many medias and a variety of tools. We ended our week making pizzas.



Year 1 News

Year 1 have been really enjoying their PE sessions. On a Tuesday, we have Relax Kids with Sian where we learn how to relax and calm our bodies down. On a Wednesday, we have gymnastics with Chelsi from Little Robins. We have been learning how to do forward rolls, cartwheels and balancing on a beam, just to name a few things!

