



Frome Valley First School & Preschool News Weekly

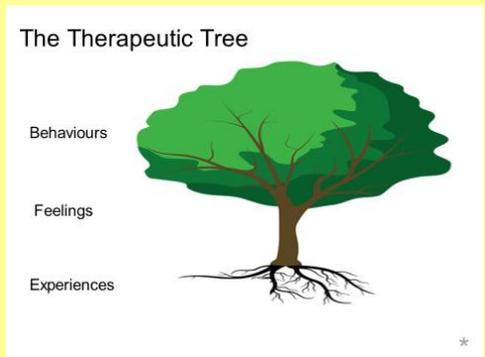


*"Together, with God's love, we learn,
nurture and grow, without limits."*

Message From Mrs Moore

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am excited to share an important development in how we support students' behaviour and wellbeing at our school. We are introducing a Therapeutic Approach to Behaviour, which focuses on understanding the underlying needs behind a child's actions rather than simply responding to the behaviour itself. This approach is grounded in the belief that all behaviour is a form of communication.



What does this look like in practice?

- Staff will use restorative conversations to help students reflect and repair relationships.
- We will continue to prioritise emotional regulation strategies, teaching children how to manage big feelings constructively.
- Our goal is to continue to build strong, trusting relationships so every child feels valued and respected.

To ensure consistency and understanding, all staff received training on this approach during our INSET day on Monday 5th January. This equipped our team with practical strategies to support children in a compassionate and effective way.

Please note that while we are adopting a therapeutic approach, our expectations for behaviour remain high. We believe that clear boundaries, combined with empathy and support, help children thrive both academically and socially.

Thank you for partnering with us in creating a nurturing environment for all our students. If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Warm regards,
Mrs Moore

Stars of the Week



Reception	Isla
Year 1	Rupert G
Year 2	Amelia
Year 3	Eva
Year 4	George

Soap Dispenser Bottles

Preschool are looking for empty soap dispenser bottles.

If anyone has any, please can they be given direct to Preschool or the school office.



Upcoming Events: Dates for your Diary!

20 th Jan	Year 3 Class Assembly (in school hall) 9-9.20am	17 th Mar	Class Photos
27 th Jan	Parent Drop in 8.15- 8.40am and 2.15 – 3pm	18 th Mar	Year 4 Wessex Singing Festival
4 th – 6 th Feb	Special School Week - History	20 th Mar	Comic Relief Fundraiser
13 th Feb	Safer Internet Day	20 th Mar	Year 3 and 4 Sharing Assembly 9am (will last approximately 45 minutes)
16 th – 20 th Feb	Half Term	25 th Mar	Reception Class, Year 1 and 2 Sharing Assembly 9am (will last approximately one hour)
5 th March	World Book Day and Stories at 6 (6-6.30pm)	25 th – 27 th Mar	Year 4 Residential – Hooke Court
10 th March	Year 3 visit to Dorchester Museum	30 th Mar – 10 th Apr	Easter Holidays
16 th – 17 th Mar	Parent Interviews Year 1, 2 and 3	13 th Apr	INSET Day – school closed to children
17 th and 24 th Mar	Parent Interviews Year 4		

Year 4 Sports Leaders

Yesterday, four Year 4 pupils went to St Mary's Middle School, in Puddletown, to learn how to be a Sports Leader. Alongside other children from local schools, the day consisted of playing different sports games that the Year 8 Sports Leaders had created. The Year 4 Sports Leaders then discussed how they would increase sports participation at break times in our school. From next week, the children will lead a fun sports activity at break times on a Wednesday and Friday so get your children to look out for the Sports Leaders in the purple t-shirts! Alice, Ivy, Luca and Oliver represented the school amazingly and were full of ideas and excitement to bring what they had learnt back to Frome Valley.



Online Safety- Top Tips!

YouTube

YouTube is one of the most popular platforms, available across many different devices - phones, tablets and Smart TVs etc. **YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13**, however, younger children can still access YouTube with consent from a parent/ guardian. There are different options available to access YouTube, depending on your child's age:

1. YouTube Kids – a separate app that includes a smaller selection of videos based on the age category you select: Preschool (ages 4 and under), Younger (ages 5–8) or Older (ages 9–12).

2. Supervised accounts – a parent-managed version of YouTube that allows you to control the content your child can access. You can select one of the following options:

- **Explore** - Generally for viewers aged 9+.
- **Explore more** - Generally for viewers aged 13+
- **Most of YouTube** - This setting includes almost everything except for videos marked as 18+.

Find out more: https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/10_315420

3. What do I need to be aware of?

Whilst YouTube can be educational and fun, it is important to be aware of the potential risks, such as:

- **Inappropriate content**
- **Excessive Screentime** – particularly due to the autoplay feature.
- **Unwanted contact / cyberbullying** – particularly via comments if your child is sharing videos.
- **Algorithms** – algorithms influence what we see to keep us engaged. This can lead to a user being exposed to large amounts of content about one topic/theme, which may not be helpful if it is negative.
- **Adverts** that may not be aimed at or suitable for your child's age.

4. What can I do?

- Set up appropriate parental controls.
- Show your child the reporting and blocking tools available.
- Watch YouTube together or supervise use.

5. Further information

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/entertainment-searchengines/youtube-app/>



What are we learning in our classrooms next week?

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
In Literacy, we will be looking at pirate treasure maps and designing our own.	In Literacy, we will be learning how to use adjectives for descriptions.	In Literacy, we will create our own poems based on the book 'If All the World Were'. We will focus on how to write descriptive sentences using exciting adjectives.	In Literacy, we will start to read our new text, "The Barnabus Project". We will focus on writing diary extracts, while pretending to be characters from the story.	In Literacy, we continue using the text Frindleswydle to learn how to extend noun phrases with <u>prepositional phrases</u> ; where, when, what is happening to a noun e.g <i>the cold frozen house covered in snow.</i>
In Numeracy, we will be using 10 frames to help us with counting.	In Numeracy, we will be looking at the numbers 14,15 and 16 and understanding how many 10s and how many ones are in each number.	In Numeracy, we will continue to learn about money. Working out different amounts and how to make changes.	In Numeracy, we will learn how to multiply 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers, using a formal written method.	In Numeracy, we are learning to multiply 2- and 3-digit numbers using an informal method.
In PE, we will be learning how to move with speed and avoid obstacles at the same time!	In Computing, we will be using the Beebots (programmable robots) to learn how to input a command to reach a certain destination.	In History, we are exploring how times have changed. We will look at seaside holidays and how they have changed over the last 50 years.	In RE, we will learn why some Hindus want to collect good karma.	In Science this half term, we are learning about sound: how sounds are made, heard and measured.

Do ask your child about their learning!

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

Preschool News

This week, Chelsi from Little Robins Gymnastics Club led her first Gymnastics session with the children in Preschool. The children demonstrated great listening skills and showcased their fantastic balancing and co-ordination skills when navigating the equipment.

Our Caterpillars further developed their balancing skills during an adult initiated physical development session.

We continued our focus on winter where we explored ice painting and a snow themed tuff tray with a variety of textures and arctic animals.

In Maths, our Butterflies focus was matching numeral and quantity, and our Caterpillars further developed their counting skills - counting objects up to 5.

