St Matthew's High Brooms CE Primary School

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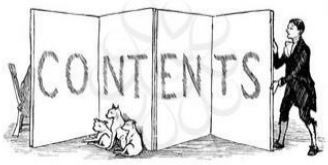


Worship Theme

Through our worships this week, we have been reflecting on the importance of light in the world and the symbolism of light for Christians in the way it can guide and support.

Forest School

Next week, on Thursday 13th February, 4S (Year 4 – Mr Smith) will be taking part in Forest School.

Please can the class come to school dressed for the weather conditions and wearing coats, boots etc. Thank you!

Forest School

A message from Miss Harris

Place 2Be – Improving children's mental health

This week has been National Children's Mental Health Week – Year 5 have looked at different breathing techniques to relax and regulate emotions and other classes have been using the Zones of Regulation to support children to recognise their feelings and support themselves to feel well.

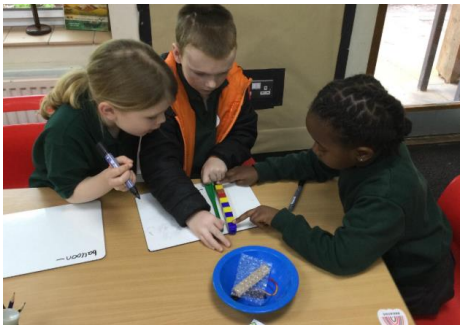
If you would like to look into the resources available for parents and carers about children's mental health, you might like to view the following site for strategies and ideas to support your child:
https://www.place2be.org.uk/about-us/childrens-mental-health-week/

A quick update on the guinea-pigs! The guinea-pigs are now 15 weeks old and are growing fast. They are beginning to become braver and getting used to living at St Matt's. When children visit the office, they love peering into their house to gain a glimpse! While the piggies are still very nervous, they are starting to become more social and went for a walk around the school today to praise lots of children for their learning. Hebe and Minera, the guinea-pigs, met some of the classes today which was lovely and will meet more of the classes next week.

Positive Changes and Successes

Lots of our children have been taking advantage of learning in a practical way this week – particularly through their science topics which we have been working hard to further develop in our curriculum.

Year 1 learnt about how sound changes across different distances and Year 2 carried out an experiment to find out about how stretchy different materials are.



Year 3 have been looking at the composition of different types of rocks and soils and Year 5 have been filtering dirty water to try to find out how to make it as clean as possible. The practical ways of teaching science have been enjoyed by all with lots of learning happening.

Attendance Ted

Here are our weekly attendance figures – it is great to see that half of our classes have attendance figures for last week at 95% +. Well done everyone!

Ducklings (R) 99%	**Goslings (R) 91%**		
Robins (Y1) 98%	**Owls (Y1) 89%**	**Kiwis (Y2) 97%**	**Lorikeets (Y2) 95%**
Puffins (Y3) 93%	**Peacocks (Y3) 99%**	**Class 4S 97%**	**Class 4W 99%**
Class 5B 94%	**Class 5K 94%**	**Class 6C 94%**	**Class 6H 92%**

Dates for your Diary

You will have already seen the Term dates for the year, but if you would like to refer to them again, you can find them by following this link.

Below are the key dates for your diary so you know what the children will be doing in Term 3. (New dates are noted in green.)

- Tuesday 11th February: Internet Safety Day
- Wednesday 12th February: Year 5 Viking Day
- Wednesday 12th February: Year 3 trip to Wadhurst Park Estate
- Thursday 13th February: Term 3 ends for children
- Friday 14th February: INSET day for staff – School closed for pupils
- Monday 17th – Friday 21st February: Spring Term break

Dates for Term 4:

- Monday 24th February: Term 4 begins
- Friday 28th February: Art Exhibition for parents / carers
- Monday 3rd March: Recorder Festival for Year 3
- Thursday 6th March: World Book Day
- Friday 21st March: Red Nose Day
- Monday 31st March: Easter Service at St Matthew's Church
- Wednesday 2nd April: Reports sent out to parents / carers
- Friday 4th April: Term 4 ends