



What a busy term this is shaping up to be! We have already had our Osprey residential which was fabulous. Our children were amazing and we were so proud, not just of the achievements over the couple of days, but by the way they conducted themselves. They listened carefully to instructions they were given; they were respectful and polite to all the activity leaders and they were enthusiastic and encouraging with their friends. A thoroughly enjoyable trip.

PTFA

Firstly, thank you so much to the PTFA for arranging the fun day. It is lovely to have something for the children that has been the outcome of the bake sales, raffles and various other fundraisers.

Please can I remind our whole community that the PTFA have set up their Facebook page as a way of sharing information about upcoming events. The PTFA are not authorised to give information about the everyday running of the school. The school office sends out a weekly update every Friday, please read and save the information. If you have accidentally deleted the email, all weekly updates are on the school website as are the termly newsletters.

WEBSITE

As well as the weekly updates and newsletters, there is a whole range of information about day to day school life on the school website. Information about our taught curriculum as well as the approaches that we take are all available for viewing.

SENDCO

Those of you who have had the pleasure to work with Mr Parsons, I have some news. Mr Parsons is now retiring and we wish him a lovely retirement. He will be missed here at Kilmington and at the others schools that has been working with. A new SENDCO for Kilmington has been appointed from within the federation staff. Jenny Nash is an experienced SENDCO and has carried out this role at Lympstone Primary School for a number of years. She will be meeting with Mr Parsons this term to do a thorough handover and I look forward to working alongside her to support our children.

Outdoor Learning - Kingfishers

Thursday 2nd & 9th July

As usual children can come to school in appropriate clothing and bring their wellies or alternative appropriate shoes in a separate carrier bag. Wellies are ideal and long trousers and long sleeved tops are essential to protect from brambles, stingers and insects. The children will also need a rain coat in case of wet weather.

CLASS NEWS

PIPITS

This term the Pipits are learning about minibeasts. Many of the children are already very interested in bugs and they have really enjoyed finding all sorts of small creatures in our garden and school grounds. We have found aphids, millipedes, worms, woodlice, slugs, snails and spiders just in the Pipit's garden. Last week we read 'A Good Place' by Lucy Cousins and learnt about some different minibeast habitats and the children designed their own minibeast gardens with good places for their favourite little creatures. They then set to work in our garden creating a 'good place' for minibeasts including dead wood, green leaves, flowers and a small pond. This week they have been discussing the ways that humans damage habitats and they have created signs to put up around school asking people to 'be kind to minibeasts' and 'don't step on minibeasts'. They were also lucky to notice lots of ladybird 'pupa' last week. We kept a few in a pot and they were very excited to find newly emerged ladybirds which we released into our 'good place'.

KINGFISHERS

Kingfisher children have been learning to tell the time in maths. We have been practising o'clock, half past, quarter past and even 5-minute intervals! The children know the long hand is the minute hand and the short hand is the hour hand.

In English the children have written amazing Pokémon stories. They created a main character and designed their own Pokémon. They wrote a conversation between the two characters and many children included inverted commas (speech marks) to mark what is being said.

In Science we have been learning about plants including trees. We have looked at what makes trees different to other plants (they have a trunk and branches). We have also looked at the difference between the leaves on evergreen trees compared to the leaves on deciduous trees. We planted mustard seeds and salad leaves seeds and are being scientists by making *observations over time*. The seeds first grew into little plants and now the plants are taller and the leaves are bigger.

We have taken off our shoes, made paper fans and had a water flight to help us through the hot weather! We know the importance of *hydration* and have drunk LOTS of water.

JACKDAWS

In English, Jackdaws have been looking at retelling myths using the brilliant book *Myth Atlas*. We then used our history learning to help us retell the founding of Rome with the myth of Romulus and Remus. We have now moved on to a brilliant book called *Dare to Care: Pet Dragon* which is a great mixture of non-fiction told in a fiction way with dragons being at the centre. Always very exciting.

In maths, we have a few short topics to get us through to the end of term. We have looked at money, we have just finished shape. The children have been familiarizing themselves with the names of 2D polygons, and different angles. We have even brought in some art learning by spotting right angles and different kinds of lines in a piece of Mondrian! We will be moving on to learn about coordinates and statistics as we come to the end of term.

Art has been focused on our Roman learning – creating brilliant Roman style shields for use at Mrs Burleigh's farm. We will be making Roman style clay pots at Forest Farm to link into our DT topic, electronic posters. Please save your shoe boxes – we'd like them from next week please! Look out for an invite to Jackdaws' Roman Museum, coming soon!

History has been focused on The Romans in Britain. We have so far learned about who was in charge of the Roman Empire and how powerful the Roman army was. We are going to use this knowledge, and our Roman shields, to re-enact tactics across Mrs Burleigh's farm. Fingers crossed for nice (but not too nice!) weather!

In music, we have been listening to the work of Sergio Mendez, learning call and response to *Fanfarre (Cabua Le Le)* and some samba steps, coordinating clapping and moving to the beat in *Magalenha*. The children are also listening to samba music in PE.

OSPREYS

We were very proud of our children at the residential at Okehampton. They worked extremely well together, showed remarkable resilience and perseverance when facing new challenges. All children had different ideas about their favourite activity with major highlights being axe throwing and gorge scrambling. It was also quite entertaining to see Mrs White's seal impression!

We have informed the children in other classes about our pledge to reduce plastic waste in school – notably from glue sticks. The children have been very enthusiastic about this project that they will be monitoring over the next few weeks.

Treachery at Traitors' Quay is our KS2 performance and rehearsals are going extremely well. It has been lovely to see how confident the children have become and how much they have learnt from last year's play – how to project their

voices, where to stand, how to take on board the gestures and characteristics of their character. A reminder to Ospreys parents that the play is in the afternoon and evening of **Wednesday 15th July**.

In maths, we have been learning about conversions in measures, including time. We have just started to revisit fractions of numbers and will be moving onto drawing line graphs and revising algebra.

Our science learning this term has been fantastic. We have been studying the life cycles of living things: starting with flowering plants where we were able to dissect flowers and find all the internal parts. We have also looked at the life cycles of insects and amphibians and will also s=compare these to the life cycles of mammals.

Diary Dates June & July

June	
Tues 30 th	Jackdaws Farm Visit – PACKED LUNCH – parents to transport
Tues 30th	PTFA 2nd Hand Uniform Sale – after school - £1 per item
July	
Wed 1 st	Year 6 Axe Valley Academy Transition Day – info to parents from AVA
Thurs 2 nd	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Thurs 9 th	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Fri 10 th	Pipits Farm Visit – PACKED LUNCH - parents to transport
Tues 14 th	Sports Day – parents invited 1.30pm PTFA £1 Bucket game for your chance to win half
Wed 15 th	KS2 Afternoon Performance – Y3-Y6 parents invited 2.30pm
Wed 15 th	KS2 Eventing Performance – Y3-Y6 parents invited 5.30pm
Thurs 16 th	Reserve Sports Day
Fri 17 th	Y6 Leavers Assembly – Year 6 parents invited 2.30pm
Mon 20 th	Y6 Day Out – parents to drop off & collect
Tues 21 st	Last day of term Whole School Picnic – PACKED LUNCH
Wed 22nd	Non-pupil day - Staff Training
22nd July start of Summer Holidays	
Autumn term – pupils return on Monday 7th September	