



On Tuesday this week, we were very lucky to have Mr George in school from Selwood Academy's science department. He worked with our Year 3 and 4 children in the school hall and performed some amazing and very thought provoking science with them. It was very hands on and the children investigated some interesting science ideas which from their reactions both amazed and intrigued them too. We have a number of events throughout the year where we link with our colleagues in the Middle Schools and Frome College and I am very grateful for the time and energy that they put into these sessions.

Our Powerful Learning culture here at Vallis forms a crucial part in teaching our children that they are learners for life. The initial ideas come from something called 'Building Learning Power' written by Professor Guy Claxton and he talks about the 4'Rs' of being a good learner – Resilience, Resourcefulness, Relationships and Reflectiveness. Vallis introduced it, using more child friendly names, a number of years ago. We have decided to refresh it a little in school and over the course of the year we will be doing various things to help the children understand the ideas. I am currently doing some assemblies on these and we are hoping to have a family learning event after Christmas where we can all show these learning muscles.

Our Star Powerful Learners this week are: Phoebe from Jupiter; Emily from Saturn; Jack from Neptune; Bluebell from Apollo; Bella from Galaxy; Lacey from Milky Way and Riley Jay from Mars. Well done to all of you and keep using those learning muscles. \_

Nick Firkins  
Headteacher\_

### RESOURCEFUL SQUIRREL

- I find things out by asking questions and being curious
- I use the things around me to help me learn and succeed
- I make links with other things that I have learnt
- I break my learning down into small, manageable steps

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

We will be holding a Harvest Festival Service at Holy Trinity Church on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am. All parents/carers are invited, but please be aware this might change due to the pandemic

Please could we ask for donations of the following to be brought to your child's class on Monday 11<sup>th</sup>.

Tinned fruit, Tinned vegetables and potatoes, Cold and hot meat, Toiletries, Jam, Soup, Sugar, Tea and Coffee.

These will be distributed to the Frome Food Bank on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

**School Photos:** Just a reminder that the school photos are taking place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October. If you would like sibling pictures, please come to the school office at 8.30am.

### Multicultural Frome

As part of Somerset Diverse Communities on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October from 11-2pm at the Cheese & Grain local people from around the globe will be sharing their cultures.

There will be dancing, arts and crafts, games, quizzes and performances from local schools, also food and drinks to buy!

Entry is free and social distancing and COVID measures will be in place.

### VSA NEWS

**2021/22 Hundred Club:** Thank you to everyone who has signed up to this year's Hundred Club, we are so pleased to have filled all the numbers. Our first draw took place this morning and the winners are:

1<sup>st</sup> prize (£25): Number 99 – Melissa Callow

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (£15): Number 49 – Jayde Lansdown

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize (£10): Number 42 – Jemima Robertson

Please collect prizes from the office from Monday afternoon, or contact our treasurer Violetta Paine for BACS payment.

**Class Cake Sales:** Apollo Class raised a fantastic £70.66 last week in their cake sale – well done Apollo Class! Today it is the turn of Neptune Class – cakes will be on sale outside the school from 2:45pm this afternoon. Next week is the turn of Mars Class. If you are a Mars class parent/carer and can help pack cakes on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> at 9am in the Community Room, please let Mr Smith know.

**Secondhand Uniform Shop:** As the weather forecast doesn't look promising for this afternoon, we will hold off on an actual uniform sale this week, but we will reschedule soon. However, if you need anything particular, please email [vallisvsa@gmail.com](mailto:vallisvsa@gmail.com) and we will have a look next Tuesday and let you know what we have in stock.

**VSA News:** As this newsletter will be coming out on a Friday, look out for a separate update from us on a Wednesday from next week.

Thank you for your continued support.

VSA.

### Dates for your Diary

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October – KS1 Family Learning Event, 9 – 10am

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October – KS2 Family Learning Event, 9 – 10am

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Celebration at Trinity Church – 9.30am

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October – School Photos

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October – KS2 film night, 5 - 7pm

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Parents' Evening Years 1 - 4

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Parents' Evening Years 1 – 4

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – INSET day

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November – VSA Bingo

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Christmas Performance – 1.30pm

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December - KS1 Christmas Performance – 9.30am

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Foundation Stage Christmas Performance – 1.30pm

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Carol Service at Trinity Church – 5pm

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Foundation Stage Performance – 1.30pm