



Vallis First School Newsletter

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This term seems to have flown by with half term now upon us. I hope all the children who joined us in January are now settled and enjoying their learning here at Vallis. There have been lots of exciting events over the last half term with lots more to come in the run up to Easter.

Tuesday morning saw a very well attended KS1 family Learning Event - thank you to all who came and supported the children in making their puppets. There were some very creative designs and the atmosphere walking around was just lovely.

On Thursday, our Year 4s enjoyed an author event at the Cheese and Grain. The Chicken House Author Roadshow invited three nationally published authors of Young Adult literature to present to the children - this year, the authors were Lindsay Galvin, James Nicol and Jasbinder Bilan. The Year 4s all really enjoyed the event.

Also on Thursday, I took six of the Year 4 children to the town hall to meet the Frome Mayor and have their picture taken. On display in the town hall and in the Hunting Raven bookshop in town are the amazing books the children have written linked to their topic book the Mousehole Cat. If you get a chance, pop in and have a look.

It was online safety day on Tuesday this week and although we didn't specifically focus on this during the week, we are planning some activities for next term. Please have a look at the link below (which is also on our website) for some top tips for parents regarding online safety.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>

In last week's Celebration Assembly, Voyager Class shared some of their amazing learning from the last term. We saw how talented they were with art and creative ideas and heard about their work they have been doing around the focus book The Mousehole Cat. Well done to all the children in Voyager Class. During the assembly, we also celebrated the home learning that some of the children had done and particularly the great models many children have been making at home linked with their topics.

I hope you all have a great half term and look forward to seeing you on Monday 20th.

Nick





Dates for your Diary

- **HALF TERM: Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February**
- Tuesday 21st February – EYFS (Reception) Family Learning Event, 9-10am
- Tuesday 28th February – Headteacher's Afternoon Tea – 2.15pm in the Community Room
- Wednesday 1st March – SEND Coffee Morning – 9am in the Community Room
- Thursday 9th March – 9.05-9.30am KS1 Phonics Information Meeting

The Year 3 and 4 children have been working very hard on their writing this term and the teachers are very proud of them. Their lovely work has been made into books which are on display around Frome so that their writing will reach a real audience. Some of the children took their books up to the Town Hall, where they also had their photos taken with the Mayor. You can find your child's work in the Town Hall, in the Library or on display in the Winston's bookshop window. Please do go and see their work! The children know at which venue you can find it.

We will be celebrating **World Book Day on Friday 10th March** as part of our Kindness Week. We would love to invite grandparents from 9.00am to read with children from around the school. It is a lovely opportunity to share stories with members of our school community. If a grandparent is happy to join us, please could you let the School Office know? In the afternoon, teachers will be visiting classrooms to read favourite stories also. Today, the children will be sent home with a book token which can be redeemed in a number of bookshops.

Tuesday 21st February – EYFS Family Learning Event – 9-10am

All parents, carers and family members are welcome to join us.

