

CROWSTOG NEWS

FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2025



A message from Mrs Lewis:

This half-term we have been focussing on our school value - Determination. It has been fantastic to see the children setting themselves goals and showing resilience and determination to achieve them. This was particularly true for the children in Kingfishers who designed and made a working cam toy, and the children in Woodpeckers who designed, learnt to sew and made a purse.

Through this work the children have been developing their understanding that things do not always go as hoped, but that we can learn from these experiences and if we keep trying and explore new ways to approach things we can get there.

This half-term we are focussing on the school value of:

Determination

ATTENDANCE

Please remember that the doors close at 8.55am in the morning—arrivals after this will be marked as 'late'.

If your child is absent from school for any reason please inform the school office by telephone, email or dojo before 9.30am—thank you

Attendance: Sept 24—date

Crowcombe: 94.81%

Stogumber: 96.19%

A reminder about correct PE clothing:

It has been noticed that there are a few variations of the PE kit being worn in lessons and clubs. Please be reminded that either **plain white t-shirts** or **tie-dyed house t-shirts** should be worn—no other alternatives; together with **black jogging bottoms or shorts**. **Purple school sweatshirts or cardigans** can be worn if necessary—no other types should be worn—thank you.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS.

The School Council has chosen to support the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds this term ~ more details to follow

Email: Crowcombe: CrowcombeOffice@crowstog.co.uk Stogumber: StogumberOffice@crowstog.co.uk

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(Hebrews 10 24-25)

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DIARY DATES

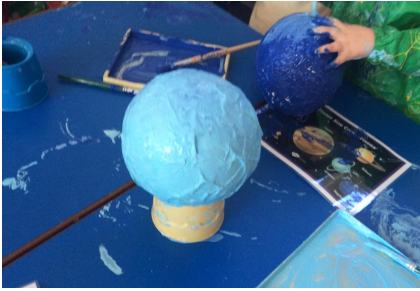
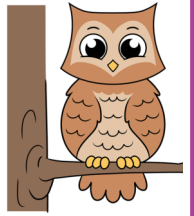
w/c 17 February - HALF-TERM

- 26 Feb - Yr 1 / 2 visit Somerset Museum, pm
- 27 Feb - Gymnastics competition, Wellington (selected pupils)
- 28 Feb - Wrens (Yr1) Forest School
- 5 March - Stogumber visit Williton Library, pm
Yr 5/6 Bee Stingers Netball, pm
- 6 March - World Book Day—Drama Workshops in school
- 7 March - Robins Forest School
- Own clothes for World Book Day *
- 12 March - Yr 5/6 Bee Stingers Netball, pm
- 14 March - Owls Forest School
- 20 March - Yr 5 Strike/Field Festival, Kingsmead, am
- 21 March - Red Nose Day
- World Poetry Day
- 24 March - Yr 5/6 Cross-country, King's College, pm
- 28 March - Kingfishers Forest School
- 1 April - Whole School LOTC at Hestercombe
- 4 April - Whole School Easter Service, 9.15am at Crowcombe Church
- w/c 7 April - **EASTER HOLIDAYS**
- 22 April - Summer term starts!

* Due to the drama workshops being held in each school on World Book Day the School Council have asked, and it has been agreed that children may wear clothes / costumes relating to their favourite book character on Friday 7 March, instead of the day before.

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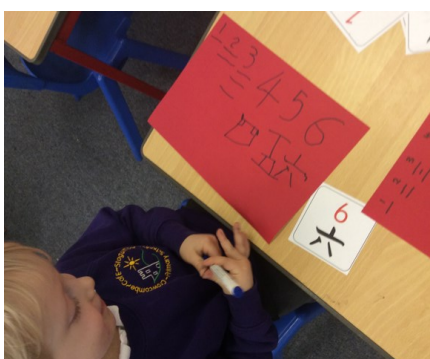
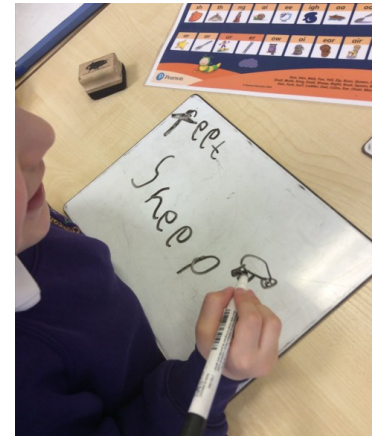
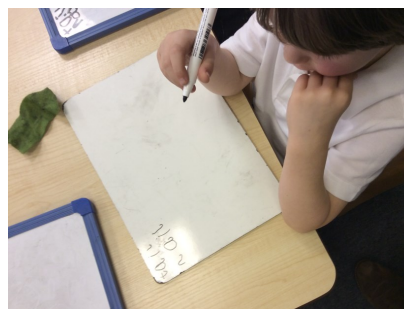
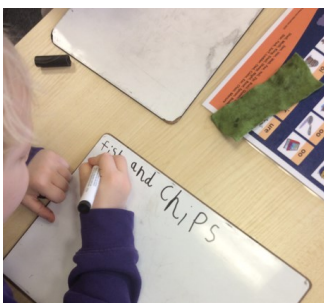
This term we have been exploring space and thinking about what we can see in the night sky. We looked at the different planets in our solar system, the moon and how we can see shapes in sky using stars. We explored how we can make shadows using light, seeing how our shadows moved in the sunlight and used torches to make puppet shows.



Over the past two weeks we have been focussing on the topic of 'Amazing Me'. We met a bird called Henry Finch, who had lots of thoughts. We created our own finches using our finger prints and explored how we could use thought bubbles.



We have really been focussing on our writing and letter formation. We have sounded out and written words and sentences using the sounds we have learnt. Super work Reception!



In maths we have been looking at comparison and composition of numbers 5, 6, 7 and 8. We have used sentences to describe which group has more/ fewer and have explored how we can create numbers 6, 7 and 8 using the '5 and a bit' structure.

In DT we have continued our topic of healthy eating. We created our own fruit salads and enjoyed trying different fruits. We also made, designed and decorated our own biscuits.



We have also been joined by some fantastic visitors. Mr Hicks came to talk to us all about his rowing adventures around the world and how he showed determination when faced with challenge. Mrs Dean came to talk to us about noticing and observation, we looked at copying patterns and looking for differences in pictures. Open the Book came to tell us the story of Elijah and his determination.



On our learning outside the classroom day we used determination as explorers to go on an arctic mission to find Binky the penguin for Mrs Lewis! Going through rough seas, blizzards, using ice floats to get across the water, taking shelter from storms, treating sick penguins, sending message by semaphore and letting Mrs Lewis know that we had found Binky.

What a busy half term we have had. Reception should be so proud of all they continue to achieve and we look forward to more learning and adventures next half term! Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely half term break.



WRENS & ROBINS:

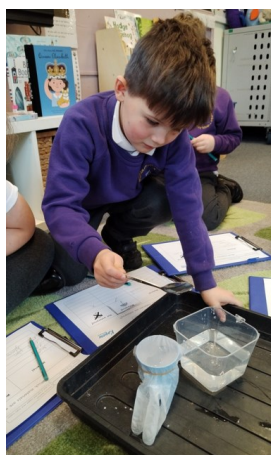
In Robins this week, we have been rounding off our Big Question for the half term, 'What is Life Like in London?' We have planned and written a dream day in London, thinking about where we would visit, what we might wear to suit the season, what we'd bring with us and what we might see on our journey.



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In Science, we have been investigating the properties of different materials; testing them for absorbency and waterproofness. We designed our own 'squashmellows' - describing the different textures of each fabric we chose.



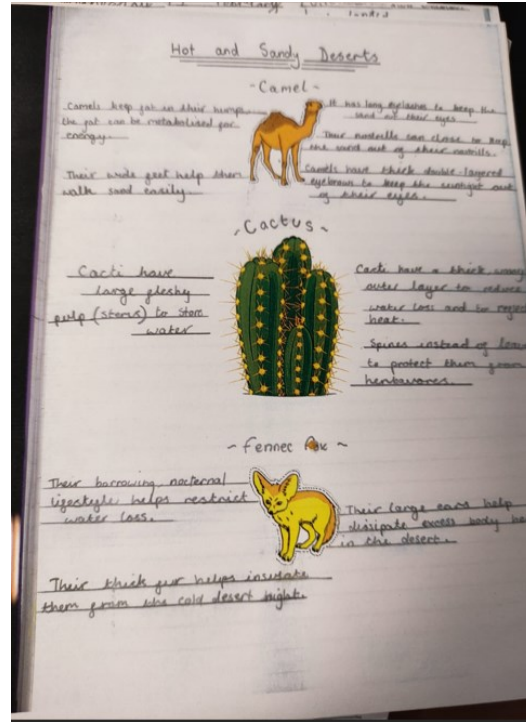
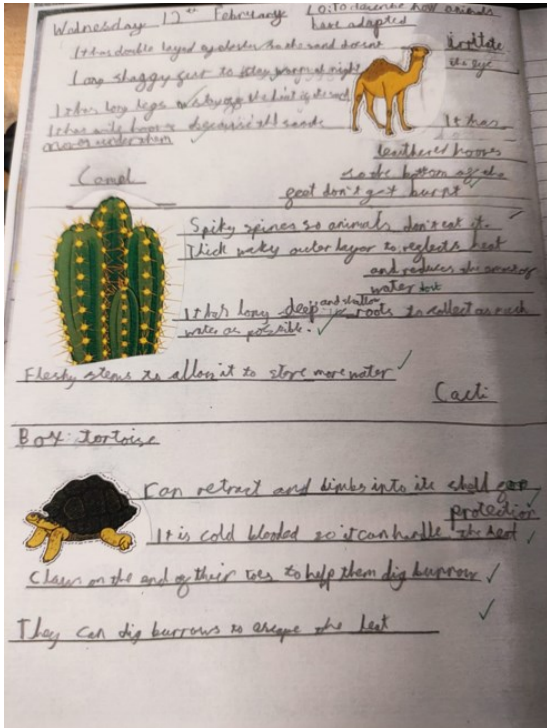
We have also been focusing a lot on handwriting this term and we are seeing huge improvements! We have sent home a letter formation poster today - if you could encourage pre-cursive handwriting when practising spellings at home, that would be fantastic!



KINGFISHERS:



Kingfishers have been researching how animals and plants adapt to living in different environments.



KS2 pupils participated in a live BBC internet safety day lesson.



KINGFISHERS:



MUSIC:

This week, Years 1 and 2 composed their own melodies for a football chant using chime bars



The Music Club created fabulous rhythms on some Djembe drums.

Bishop's Lydeard Community Library

News

During March, there are 2 special events, which our library will be supporting. Come on down for a visit and see what we've done in our library – displays, activities, books.

British Science Week 7-16 March – a celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths. See the website for more info (www.britishscienceweek.org).

Shakespeare Week 24-30 March - a national annual celebration giving primary school aged children opportunities to experience enriching and enjoyable early tastes of Shakespeare. More information on the website (www.shakespeareweek.org.uk).

Feature – Storytime

We introduced Storytime at our library on Monday mornings 11-11.30 last year (term-time only) for pre-school children and it has proved to be successful and popular. Appropriate stories are read by a volunteer reader in a gentle and humorous manner, engaging the children by encouraging them to join in if they want to, with ideas, questions and responses. It is a warm and safe environment and the children seem to love the experience. They sit in a little circle around the reader, with their parents nearby. Do bring your little ones along and join us – there is no need to book and no commitment to come every week.

HELP If you are available and would be interested in volunteering as a reader on Monday mornings (experience in child-care would be an asset, but is not essential) then please telephone Iain Hunter on 01823 433016 or email iain.hunter@btinternet.com

Available to borrow

Books – adult fiction (general, crime, sci-fi, classics), non-fiction (including a section of local books and maps), large print, audio.

Books for children of all ages – board for the very young, picture books, early readers, school age – stories, information, audio.

Books for young adults – fiction, non-fiction, audio.

All of the above can be ordered in from other libraries, if our library doesn't have it in stock (small charge for adults, free for children).

Blood pressure monitors, i-pads, jigsaws.

Things to do

Storytime – Mondays 11.00 - 11.30 (term-time only) – lots of stories and rhymes

Lego club – Saturdays 10.00 - 13.00

Printing, photocopying (small charge per sheet)

Public computer (library members only – joining is free)

There is a trail of pictures for children to find, with a little treat for finding them all. There are also activities for children – colouring, Lego, Duplo, toys.

Copies of the local newspaper, magazines and leaflets are in the library to read. It is also a good location to find out about other village activities – posters, leaflets and the Parish Council noticeboard.

Opening hours:

Monday 10 – 4

Wednesday 10 – 4

Friday 10 – 4

Saturday 10 – 1



Bishops Lydeard Library hosts

Storytime

Mondays, 11-11:30
(term time only)

Join us in the library every Monday for lots of stories and rhymes for babies and toddlers under 5, completely free!



Somerset Council



Every Saturday
10:00 – 13:00
Come and build with
the Lego and Duplo

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