



St Mary's Primary School

Newsletter 9

13th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Orchard Class this week marked Remembrance Day by visiting the trees planted last November as part of the "Just One Tree" project at the top of the school field. They were donated by the Thorncombe Village Trust, who planted trees around the village for each soldier from the parish who fell in the First World War. The two in the school field represent the youngest soldier, as well as the gentleman who was the Head Teacher of the school at the time of the First World War. Orchard Class joined the 2-minute silence as well as making their own poppies.

Orchard Class children have also started work in the vegetable garden, clearing the beds ready for the spring.



Pippin Class also marked Remembrance Day this week through group discussion, followed by creating some super poppy paintings. They have also started learning songs for their Christmas performance and we are looking forward to rehearsals! Our Christmas Performance will be different this year but we will write to you soon to let you know our plan for this year. Children in Need was a focal point of today with some discussion of why it is so important as well as some finger painting and colouring.



Curriculum Maps

Today, alongside this newsletter, you should have received Curriculum Information which outlines the Curriculum Coverage for this half term and a reminder of some of our key expectations for each key stage. Thank you for all the support you are providing at home with Homework, Spellings, Timetables and Reading. This really does have an impact upon the children's confidence and success in class.

Circuits with Miss Smith

It has been very encouraging to see lots of children taking part in our daily Circuits sessions. Well done to everyone for all their efforts (we even saw Mrs Aspinall joining in this week!) This takes place from 8-8.30 every day and is done outside when the weather permits. Uptake has been so high that we may need to split into two groups for indoor sessions. If your child would like to join in, please let the office know so that we can manage the number of people attending. Congratulations everyone!

Flu Nasal Vaccine

Alongside this newsletter, we have sent a leaflet and letter from the Dorset School Age Immunisations Service regarding this year's flu nasal vaccine. They will be visiting us to deliver this programme on Friday 11th December. Please complete the consent procedure by following the link given in the letter by 8th December at the latest. The immunisation team have requested that all parents complete the consent whether or not you wish your child to have this vaccine, so that everybody's wishes are recorded. The team are unable to administer the vaccine to children unless consent has been given in advance.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Smith