

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 18 – 26th January 2024

Dates for the diary

- **Tuesday 30th January 2:30pm** – Educational Mental Health Practitioner drop in
- **Tuesday 30th January** - Reception Space dress up
- **Thursday 1st February** - Parent consultation meetings
- **Friday 2nd February** – Times Table Rock Stars – Dress as a Rock Star!
- **Tuesday 6th February** - Parent consultation meetings
- **Friday 9th February** – Break up for half term

KS1 - have been learning all about meerkats, using *Meerkat Mail* by *Emily Gravett* as inspiration. They planned and wrote their own factual reports and thoroughly enjoyed becoming experts. They also continued their learning about Africa, making observations about what it is like in Kenya.

LKS2 – have been learning about Mary Anning in science. She was an English paleontologist who collected fossils. She was best known for the discovery of the ichthyosauria. For their History topic, Ancient Egypt, LKS2 have been learning about the Rosetta Stone and exploring the way Egyptians communicated through hieroglyphs - there were over 700 of them! They even managed to use the writing system to write their own names on a cartouche.

UKS2 - have been researching and writing a biography on John Cabot - a famous explorer during the Tudor times. They have also been recapping about Henry VIII's first two wives and learning all about why Henry VIII divorced Catherine of Aragon and started his own church.

Friday 2nd February is 'Bidford Rocks!' - Times Table Rock Stars has inspired us to take part



in a day of Maths! Children will take part in activities including:

- Problem solving investigations
- Maths linked to their termly topic
- TTRS battles against other classes in the school (Y2 to Y6)

Children can dress up as a 'Rock Star' for the day and we can't wait to see them 'Rocking out' in their battle against the other classes. If your child is in Mr Plumbe's class, please send them to school with their PE kits in a bag so they can change into it for their lesson in the afternoon.

Y4 Ogden Trust Science Trip - Some Y4 children went to an Ogden Trust Science Day at St Nicholas Primary School with Mrs Hudson this week. They had an exciting day investigating how sound was made and how they could change its volume and pitch. They made their own kazoos using lollipop sticks and rubber bands.



EHMP coffee catch up– On Tuesday 30th January at 2:30pm in the school hall, Kirsty our Educational Mental Health Practitioner will be coming along to support and signpost families to the provision they may be needing for their children. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Mental Health support we can provide in school and to share any concerns or worries you have which Kirsty or Miss Hickman. Everyone is welcome.

Curriculum Overviews – Children will be bringing home their curriculum overviews today which provide details of the subject areas that they will be covering this term. This information will soon be available on the school website.

Smart Watches – Please can we remind everyone that children are not allowed to wear smart watches to school. This is due to the watches being able to connect to the internet and to take photographs /videos. This would be a breach to our GDPR policy.

Book of the Week –Miss Waters' class have been reading "What's so special about Shakespeare" by Michael Rosen. So, what was it like to live in Shakespeare's time? What do we actually know about him? And how does someone become that famous? These are just a few of the questions addressed in this lively book.

Mr A Simms