



## What have we been up to?

**The Foundation Stage children** have enjoyed exploring our local community, looking closely at the different superheroes who help look after us. They have enjoyed visits from our Local Community Police team and have been able to draw upon their own experiences of superheroes within their families. We have also developed a sense of place within our school community, learning about King Ina. The children have enjoyed exploring different festivals that take place across the world, in particular Chinese New Year. The children have shown a keen interest in the Beijing Winter Olympics and have enjoyed creating their own Olympic sports during PE lessons, and designing their own Olympic medals.

**Children in Key Stage One** have had a great half term, getting busy with different painting and printing techniques. In Year 1, children have continued to extend their knowledge and understanding of subtraction, addition and place value with lots of practical fun. Year 2 children have been studying multiplication and division and proving their mathematical knowledge by solving problems. Children across KS1 have been building their writing stamina in English and have enjoyed a variety of texts. In RE, the bible story of Creation has fed into the children's topic of Our World really well. Continents, oceans different places in the world and their climates have been studied and compasses have been introduced for direction work. We are looking forward to next half term, where we will deepen our world focus to study our topic Made in Britain.

**Children in Lower Key Stage Two** have been exploring the theme "What Makes Britain Great?" by focusing on the geographical features of The United Kingdom and then by exploring facts and features of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. In English have been finding out about India as another culture through the stories of Grandpa Chatterji and we have also linked this to racial harmony discussions about our own country and within our local community. The children have written explanations texts about how the water cycle works and have been thinking about how to be a responsible member of local community linked to our work in this half term's school value Community. Some classes have participated in ACE Arts latest community art project, "All Together Now!" and their quick portraits can be seen as part of a larger community project in the gallery.

**Upper Key Stage Two children** have been thoroughly engrossed in our writing studies surrounding the story 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' which explores the life of an Afghan refugee living in London; we are all learning a great deal about the situation faced by people fleeing their homelands. Atlases are being well used as we discover much about the physical geography of the UK in our topic lessons, while this term's RE studies in Judaism and the Torah are extremely interesting. Learning about the beliefs and customs Jewish people hold dear, and how they might compare to our own, has been worthwhile.

### RAISE Workshops

The children in Upper Key Stage 2 have all taken part in workshops delivered by an organization called Racial Awareness Support Inclusion and Education (RAISE). The children learnt about what is and isn't racism and how views can be brought about for a variety of reasons. They considered what terms were acceptable and looked at facts and figures about Racism in the UK. Workshops will be taking place for children in lower Key Stage 2 after half term.

### School in a Bag



On 3rd February, the children finally had the opportunity to pack school bags for the charity **School in a Bag**. The children raised money for the charity 2 years ago, (not long before the first lockdown) to fund 65 school bags to be sent to needy children around the world.

Year 5 and 6 children, along with star fundraiser Matilda from Kestrels Class, packed the bags with school equipment, that are being given to Afghan refugee children in this country.

### PTFA Thanks

A huge thank you from the PTFA for supporting Monday's mufti-day and contributing £1 per child.

#### Forthcoming PTFA dates:

1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 – Mufti-day and children donate an Easter egg

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022 – Easter bingo, venue to be confirmed

8<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – Easter egg tombola at 3.15pm at school

**Details of the Easter egg tombola and bingo to follow**

### Parent Workshop

#### Dyslexia Awareness

With Mark Long, SCC Lead Advisory Teacher

Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Starting at 6:30pm, estimated end time 8pm

Venue for all sessions: H1, Huish Sixth Form, Huish

Episcopi Academy, Langport, TA10 9SS

To book a place to attend this session please visit: <https://forms.gle/ewtp83j8RhP53MLU7>

### Diary Dates—Reminders

Friday 18th February: INSET Day  
19th to 27th February: Half term  
Monday 28th February: Back to school

2nd—4th March: Year 3 & 4 residential trip to Kilve

Thursday 3rd March: World Book Day, dress as a book character/bring a clue

Friday 18th March: Comic Relief—mufti-day, bring £1 per child

Wednesday 23rd March: Road safety talks for all children

Friday 25th March: Spring progress reports sent home

Tuesday 29th March: KS1 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 30th March: KS2 Parents' Evening

### World Book Day and Book Fair

This is a reminder that we are asking the children to dress as a book character or to bring a clue for a book character on Thursday 3rd March to celebrate World Book Day.

The Travelling Book Fair will be visiting school on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th March in the school hall between 3.15pm and 4.00pm. The book fair will be open to all children.

Nearer to the time, the children will bring home a World Book Day voucher that they can use at our book fair or at a book shop.

The children will need to bring the voucher with them if they choose to use it at the fair.



### Calling All Scientists!

Science Week is taking place from 11th to 20th March 2022.

We are looking for any parents and/or relatives who are scientists to come in and speak to the children.

Please contact the school office if you are able to help out.

### Junior Bake Off

We have been contacted by the producers of the Channel 4 programme, **the Junior Bake Off** with application details for the latest series.

They are looking for young budding bakers between **9-12 years old**.

Filming would take place from July 2022, but **applications close on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022**.

Please see attached flyer for details about how to apply.