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Trust in each other, Respect one another,
Shine for yourself!

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Newsletter

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Note from Mrs. Moore

Dear Families,

What a Week at Piddle Valley!

We have certainly had a hectic week with the recent floods and road closures. Thank you so much to all our families for your patience, flexibility and continued support during these challenging circumstances. It has been greatly appreciated by everyone at school.

Looking ahead, **next week is National Storytelling Week**. Throughout the week, children will be enjoying stories at every opportunity, including listening to stories, retelling familiar tales and acting out stories as part of their learning across the curriculum. We are looking forward to seeing their creativity and imagination shine.

National Number Day will take place on **Friday 6th February**. As usual, children are welcome to come to school dressed as something associated with number. We wonder how many 6s and 7s we might see!

A reminder that **Meet the Teacher and Open**

Whole School News

PE Days - Thursday and Fridays

Forest School - Fridays

Facebook: Please follow our school Facebook page, **Piddle Valley CE First School**, where we will share regular pictures and updates.

Easy Fundraising - Please remember to keep supporting us via **Easyfundraising** every time you shop online. There are over 8,000 retailers that will donate to us for FREE every time you use #easyfundraising to shop with them. These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us - it is completely FREE

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/piddle-valley-ce-first-school/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-fb1

Clothes recycling bank: If you are having a clear out, please remember to use the clothes recycling bank in our school car park. The school will get a donation each time for the amount recycled.

Attendance:

Classroom sessions will take place the following week on **Tuesday 10th February**. We look forward to welcoming parents into school to meet staff and see the wonderful learning taking place in classrooms.

Parents of children who are taking part in the **piano concert** will already have been informed of the time they need to attend on **Wednesday 11th February**. The **dance demonstration for parents** will take place on **Friday 13th February**, with parents invited into school from **9.00am**.

Let's hope for some calmer weather next week and that the "swimming pool" in the car park and playground has finally subsided!

Thank you again for your ongoing support, and we wish you all a lovely weekend.

Overall school attendance for this week: **92%**

Preschool: **100%**

Reception: **88.5%**

Year 1: **87.9%**

Year 2: **93%**

Year 3: **83.3%**

Year 4: **97.6%**

Reminder: Please DO NOT send your child into school with anything containing nuts.

Literacy Reading Award

Elowen

Freya

Caleb

Iza

Sophia

Evelyn E

Brian

Niamh

Sage

TT Rock Stars

Caleb

Ember

Evie

Polly

Forest Class

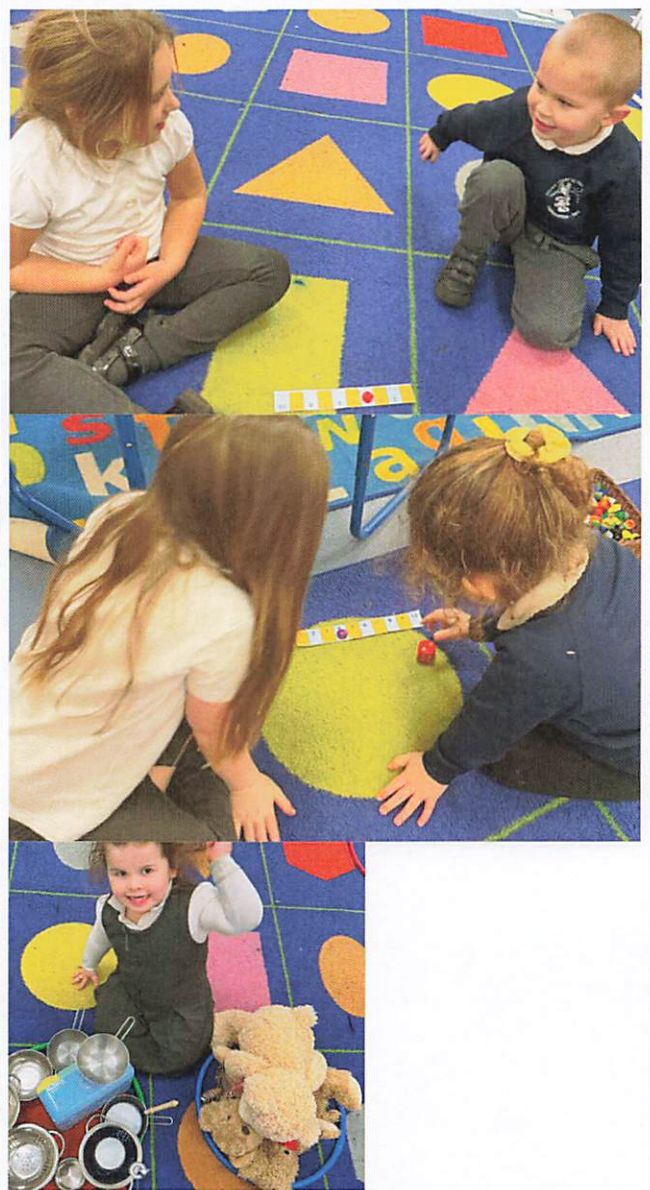
This week in Forest Class we have been exploring what it is like in the Amazon Rainforest. We looked at the different animals that live there and what the weather is like. We made rainforest collages and included some of our favourite animals.

In Drawing Club we have been reading 'The Ugly 5, which we linked into our maths learning where we are exploring recognising numerals.

In Drawing Club, we had a go at writing a numeral to represent the number of animals we had drawn, whilst in Maths we have been matching numerals to quantities. We played dice games where we matched arrays to the numeral, as well as matched Numberblock characters to their correct missing digit. In Pre- School maths, the children have been looking at sorting using a 'rule'. The children have been looking at two groups of objects and working out what the rule is for sorting the objects.

Thank you to everyone who has recorded reading this week on our online platform.

Have a lovely weekend



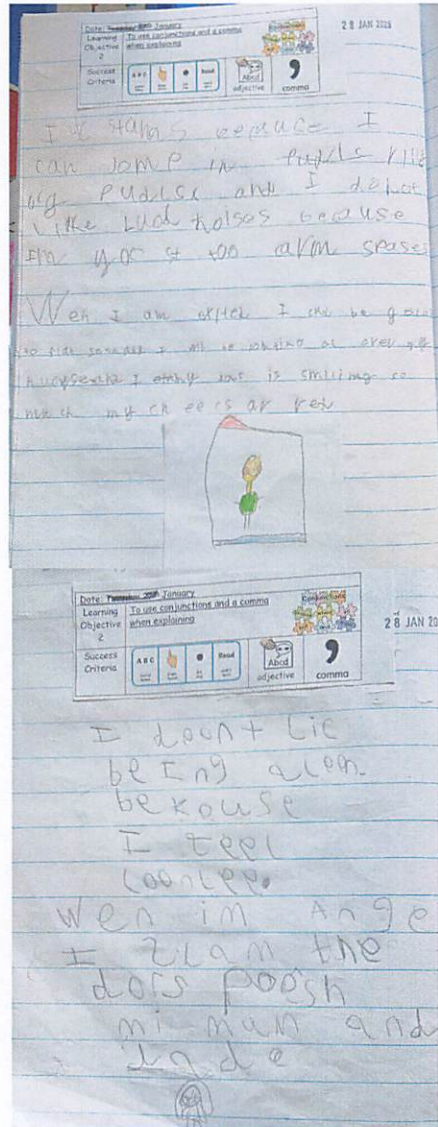
Ocean Class

Ocean class have done some super writing this week, they have finished their alien stories and have written lots of sentences about what makes them unique, focusing on how we express emotions. In Science, we have sorted plants into groups depending on their properties, and checked in on the growth of our seeds, some plants haven't sprouted yet sadly - which has taught us that some seeds don't always grow despite us giving them the correct conditions so we will plant some more and hope that we will be luckier this time around!

In maths we have been comparing the mass of different objects and using addition and subtraction to work out how many grams heavier and lighter things are, which has proven to be quite tricky!

Just to inform you, next week as part of our science lesson, we will be tasting some fruits and vegetables. We have on record the details of any allergies and intolerances so will be making sure to avoid these.

Also, please can I remind you to ensure that you log any reading on the Learning With Parents system so that I can see that your child is reading their book 3 times.



Amazon Class

Amazon have been using appropriate punctuation and antonyms to create dialogue between two characters from our book.

They have been very focused and determined to learn how to use partitioning and long division to help them solve equations in maths. They have also been focusing on times tables and have created flashcards to help them learn the times tables that they are struggling with.

We have been trying different ways to help us remember our spellings which was interesting.

They have been doing programming in Computing and designing outfits in French for different seasons.

Have a lovely weekend!

Student Council

The student council met on Monday, and we discussed the success of their ideas so far and excited that they are being part of the decision making over the trikes and rewards.

The children were told about the house point board, and teams have been updated to ensure all children are included.

The children were then set a task of speaking with the pupils in their classes to find out what types of equipment they would like to have on the playground in the future.

To give the children time to speak to their class we will meet again on Monday 2nd February to discuss what the pupils in their class have said.

I will look forward to hearing about their ideas on Monday.

Dates for your Diary

Please keep an eye on this section each week. More key dates will be added as they arise.

Friday 6th February
Number Day

Tuesday 10th February
2.45-3.00 Meet the teacher for Ocean Class

3.00-3.30pm Open classroom for all!

Friday 13th February
Dance performance for parents 9.10am

Monday 16th - Friday 20th February
Half Term

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th February
Scholastic Book Fair

Thursday 6th March

Clubs for Spring Term 1

Breakfast and all After School Clubs are to be booked and paid for via Arbor.

Lunchtime clubs can be joined on the day by informing your teacher.

Breakfast Club
Open every day from 8.00am

After School Club
4.30/5.00/5.30pm pick up options

Monday - Lights, Camera, Action!
3.15-4.15pm - £3.50 per session

Tuesday - Craft Club
3.15-4.15pm - £3.50 per session

Wednesday - Cooking Club
3.15-4.15pm - £3.50 per session

Thursday - Kick Boxing

<p style="text-align: center;">World Book Day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 18th March Amazon Class - Wessex School's Singing Festival</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday 20th March Red Nose Day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 25th - Friday 27th March Year 4 to Hooke Court</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April Easter Holidays</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday 13th April Inset Day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday 1st May Inset Day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday 4th May Bank Holiday - School Closed</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 14th May Fraser Photography - Class Photos</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday 25th - Friday 29th May Summer Half Term</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday 3rd July Whole School Trip</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3.15-4.15pm - £8 per session (Payable via Kickstart Vitality)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday - Forest School 3.15-4.15pm - £4.50 per session</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Lunchtime Clubs</u> Monday - Shine Squad Friday - Gardening Club</p> <p style="text-align: center;">School mobile number - 07510 653624 (To be used for After School pick-ups if no answer on the office number)</p>
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