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#### **Our Learning Highlights**

This term, the **Foundation Stage children** have loved exploring the topic 'Come Outside'. The children have been able to look closely at the world in which they live, observing growth through planting seeds and learning all about the lifecycle of a frog. They have also learnt about the Easter story in RE, explored the numbers 9 and 10 in Maths and consolidated their knowledge of phase 3 sounds and tricky words in Phonics. What a fun-filled term, well done Pipits and Wagtails

As we approach the Easter break, Year 1 and 2 have been enjoying finding out about the UK in Geography please ask us what the four countries and capital cities of the UK are. We have delved into colour mixing in



our art unit, exploring how we can use primary colours to make secondary colours with the medium of paint. Year 2 have gone on to create textures with paint and used this to make a collage from nature. We have been gardeners this half term with many of us discovering our green fingers - we are looking forward to seeing the plants grow!

Year 3 and 4 children have been enjoying finding out about mountain ranges in our 'Marvellous Mountains' unit of geography work this term. We had great fun during Book Week 2024, enjoying all sorts of activities based around our chosen class books including choral class reading, a range of written tasks, making book covers, book marks and dressing up as book characters. Many year 3 and 4 children attended the annual residential to Kilve Court, living and learning together in an amazing outdoor environment whilst challenging themselves to achieve well in new physical experiences, negotiating with each other and developing great team work skills.



Year 5 and 6 classes have enjoyed finding out about mountains in their 'Magnificent Mountains' geography topic, including how mountains are formed and how they have been shaped over time. We have linked this to our writing and the children have produced some impressive information texts on the highest mountains in



the UK. Science this half-term has been all about extending our knowledge of electrical circuits including the correct terminology for electrical symbols and conducting our own investigations. In PE, we have had great fun using our new orienteering resource to develop our map work skills.

## **Easter Hat Parade and Easter Garden** competition

A huge well done to all children who took part in the Easter hat parade and garden competition. We were incredibly impressed with all the children's designs and wanted to thank parents for your help too.

## **World Book Day and Extreme Reading** Challenge

We were once again very impressed with the children's Word Book Day outfits—well done everyone.

We hope that you saw our recent reading newsletter, giving details of the winners of the Extreme Reading challenge.

## **SEND Coffee Morning**

Thank you to those that attended the March SEND coffee morning.

Our next get-together will be on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 9.00am—
10.00am. We look forward to seeing many parents then.

## **Road Safety**

A number of staff and parents have expressed concerns about children cycling and scooting to school unsafely. If your child cycles to school, please talk to them about how to cycle safely on the roads, including cycling on the left, not doing cycling tricks in the middle of the road and taking care around parked and moving cars.

We would like to remind parents that car seats should be used for children traveling in cars.

Please can we ask all parents to not use residents' driveways as turning areas, we have recently received a complaint about this.

#### **Attendance**

We wish to remind parents that holidays should be taken during the school holidays and not during term time. Please note that holidays taken during term time could result in a Penalty Notice which equates to £60 per parent, per child.

# **Parent Family Support Advisor**

Victoria Gould, our PFSA, is running a parent course called Tuning into Kids in Somerton Library on

Tuesdays:- 30<sup>th</sup> April, 7<sup>th</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> May, 21<sup>st</sup> May. Then a week's break for half term, 4th June, 11<sup>th</sup> June

Please copy the link below and paste it into your browser to express an interest and to secure a place on the waiting list:

https://form.jotform.com/240703159731049

#### Ofsted

We are still awaiting our inspection report and will inform you of the outcomes once we have received our report.

# **Happy Easter**

From all of us here at King Ina, we wish you a very happy Easter and a lovely break.

We finish today, 28th March and come back to school for the summer term on Monday 15th April.



**Happy Easter!**