



## Blewbury Endowed C of E Primary School

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Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you had a peaceful festive break.

The children have settled back into our routines well and have been busy getting started with their new topics - *Is it Important to belong?* and *What makes where we live important?*

DaVinci class have started with the text *Elmer* by David McKee and are learning to retell the story with puppets they have made. They have been taking part in creative, maths and understanding the world activities related to this.

"I was happy when I got my sticker for maths" said Reegan.



Goldsworthy class have started the term by linking their learning in Science and English. They virtually met a tortoise called Scoot and asked his owner questions about how to care for him and recorded the responses as statements.

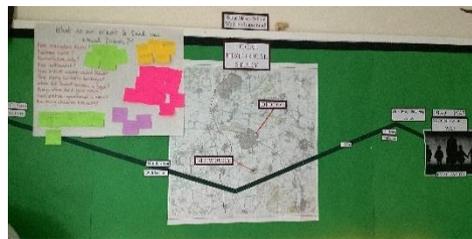
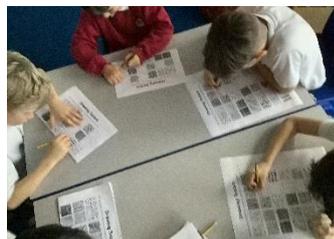
"This week I really enjoyed learning about the tortoise and learning how to do tally charts in maths," said AJ.



Today they have been exploring Aboriginal art in order to create their own tortoises.

This week, Picasso class have been looking at the history of the local area and how it has changed over time. In English they are looking at *The Jabberwocky* and creating their own nonsense poetry through Portmanteau.

William Said "I've had the best art lesson ever! We are recreating textures and building up skills to do observational drawing."



Klimt class have also been looking at a timeline of Didcot and will go on to look at the importance of the railway to the area and its links to the war. In English, they have started to look at the text *The Journey* by Francesca Sanna and will go on to read *Carrie's War* in guided reading.

"I have really enjoyed reading 'The Journey' because it is different to other books I have read," says Martha.

Ben, Jack and Lewis from Banksy class shared that they are glad to be back in school, seeing their friends and learning more. They have been learning about decimals in maths and writing poetry based on resolutions in English. They also enjoyed tag rugby with Mr Sadler, despite the rain!

We are planning for Picasso, Klimt and Banksy class to visit Didcot Railway Museum in March (which will be subject to the restrictions at the time) – more details will follow from class teachers in due course.

### **Communication**

If you have a question about your child's learning, please email the office with FAO 'Name of Teacher' in the subject title. Teachers will respond to you within 48 working hours. For urgent enquiries, please telephone the school office on 01235850411.

### **Covid Safety**

We are continuing to have positive cases of Covid-19 in our school community and are following our Risk Assessment closely, which includes:

- Limiting visitors to the site
- Mask wearing within the school building for all staff and essential visitors
- No gatherings such as assemblies
- Increased ventilation
- Enhanced hygiene measures

Please support us by wearing a mask when on the school site and remember social distancing rules.

Please note that schools are **not** expected to undertake contact tracing; close contacts will be identified and informed through NHS Test and Trace. However, school must report any known positive cases, including those which occurred during periods of school closure.

If your child has any of the following symptoms:

**A high temperature**

**A new, continuous cough**

**A loss or change to their sense of smell or taste**

They must isolate and get tested with a PCR test as soon as possible.

If the PCR test is **positive**, your child must isolate for 10 days and inform the school.

Staff are continuing to undertake twice-weekly lateral flow testing and we ask that as many parents and carers as possible also do this.

We thank you in supporting us to keep our school community safe and well.

Yours sincerely,

*Miss Reeder*  
Headteacher

Diary Dates	
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Life Bus 'virtual' visit to pupils
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Spring Term - School ends 1.30pm

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