

If the weather forecasters are to be believed, Winter is well and truly on its way over the next few weeks. Apparently, we may even see some snow in November! Who knows if these predictions are accurate, but one thing is for sure it has definitely turned a lot colder and I am not enjoying the darker nights! Our playground can feel very cold and windy at play times so please, please make sure that children are wrapped up in warm coats and hats to keep away all the winter bugs that are starting to threaten. We are continuing to support the Local Authority in their drive to improve school attendance as we all know how much school the children have unfortunately had to miss due to Covid over the last 2 years. It is imperative that children are in school unless really poorly or displaying signs of Covid or sickness. Don't forget if you do not inform the School Office for the reason for your child's absence, it will automatically go down as unauthorised. We really do not want children off in the lead up to Christmas with all the exciting things we have planned. You should have received a letter this week about the way some of our Christmas activities will operate. Unfortunately, we have had to make some changes to plans to ensure we are meeting local Health and Safety guidance.

SOMETIMES THE FASTEST WAY  
ISN'T ALWAYS THE BEST WAY.  
SOMETIMES THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE  
TAKE A WHILE.

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**Yesterday, we marked Remembrance Day across the school in age-appropriate ways. On Remembrance Day, we think about all the soldiers who have fought in wars to help to keep us safe. Thank you to our Year 6 children who led each Key Stage 2 class in their Collective Worship yesterday which was beautiful and so well planned. In EYFS and KS1, they took part too with their own Class Collective Worship. Year 1 placed their own poppies around a centre piece and quietly said a reflective prayer during the 2 minutes silence. All in school, joined others across the country during this short period of silence, to remember those who have lost their lives fighting in wars. Different classes have also been thinking about the importance of the 'Poppy' which is a flower that helps people to remember about the soldiers that have been injured or killed in wars. We have seen some incredible art work and our Year 6 children produced the beautiful display in the entrance area.**

## Friday 19th November – Non Uniform Day in exchange for SWEETS for the Christmas Fayre/CHILDREN IN NEED

As the 19th November is also 'Children in Need' Day, children are also able to join in with the fun of Children in Need by choosing non-uniform linked to this theme. This year, Children in Need have partnered with 'Strictly Come Dancing' to bring some glitz and glamour to this year's Appeal. We are encouraged to wear our 'Strictly Best' and feel fab-u-lous! This can be glitter, sparkles, feathers, sequins, bright colours – whatever you like. If anyone would like to make a small donation to Children in Need, you are welcome to send in some 'loose change' and school will make a donation on your behalf.







## ANTI-BULLYING WEEK – ‘ONE KIND WORD’

Miss Clark led the children in assemblies this week based on Anti-Bullying Week. This officially starts 15 to 19 November 2021.

On Monday the children are invited to wear ‘odd socks’ and they will be involved in lots of activities to promote kindness throughout the week. Thank you to Miss Clark and the school council who will lead us in this.

“Have PATIENCE with all things but first with yourself. Never confuse your mistakes with your value as a human being. You are perfectly valuable, creative, worthwhile person simply because you exist. And no amount of triumphs or tribulations can ever change that.”

— Saint Frances de Sales

Mystic Sounds

## Our school value for November is PATIENCE

Patience is essential to daily life and may help us to lead a happy life too. When we are patient we are able to wait calmly in the face of frustration. In fact, patience is the pause that enables us to gather our thoughts and get our feelings back under control.

In daily life we have ample opportunity to develop our

Patience is the ability to count down before you blast off.

RIVERS KNOW THIS: THERE IS NO HURRY. WE SHALL GET THERE SOME DAY.

WINNIE THE POOH



patience and this is important for a number of reasons. Firstly, it helps us regulate our emotions. It also develops our persistence, gives us time to think of others as well as supporting our own mental and physical well-being. Being patient really helps us to take a break, pause and make the best and most caring decisions we can. In the words of the Poet John Ciardi, “Patience is the art of caring slowly.”

I have loved walking around school and visiting all the different classes. I saw so much exciting

learning going on...

I didn't want to leave the ‘Two's Room’ when I visited. They were having so much fun visiting Space and had created the most amazing rocket that even I could squeeze into!

Unfortunately I missed the picnic on the moon! Our EYFS children had a great time exploring their environment in Forest School.

The children in Y2 have been working on word processing skills this term. So first

they have been teaching our hands how to dance on the keyboard! Using a website called ‘kidztype’ which, if they'd like to

practise, they can access at home.

In Year 3, the children have been using MS Publisher to insert an image from a file.

In Computing in Year 4, they used the app ipastels to create images to commemorate Remembrance Day.



Enjoy your weekend, Mrs Ralph