



# Newsletter

November 2022 no 4

*A Love of Learning for Life*

*Dear All,*

Our new Learning Journey of Spies and Gadgets has the children solving puzzles and thinking creatively. Using Science and DT, they are creating new gadgets and designs. You will have received the Home Learning for this half term which is project based to give the children time to explore some of these ideas further. We look forward to seeing these later in the term.

As we are now well into the new start times for the day, a reminder that to keep the children safe we like to promptly lock all gates. The Gibson Close gate will close at 8:50am, which is the start of the day. If you arrive or depart after this time, please use the main school gate.

You may have seen or heard on the news that schools are facing huge deficits in their budgets. Costs are rising and funding is lower than it was a decade ago. This will begin to impact on the education and support being offered to all children. A local Exmouth Headteacher has set up an online petition to implore the government to invest in our schools and our children.

The link to the petition can be found here: - <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/627130>

Here at Bassetts Farm, we are fortunate to currently have high levels of teaching assistant support and current finances to support extras such as OWL, clubs, visiting theatres and quality resources. This is what we want for all children- to enable them to Love Learning and enjoy their schooling.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Sarah Bennett



## *Spy School*

Children in years 3,4,5 & 6 had a surprise when they turned up to school on Friday. They were all enrolled in Spy School, where they learnt coding, ciphers, teambuilding and the history of Spies.

# A Love of Learning...



## Sports Festival

A fun and competitive time was had by children across year groups at this year's Sports festival.



## Extension

The dining room extension is finally coming to an end with only the outside and pathway to complete. This week, the children have been able to use this as extra space for lunches.

It is a wonderful small space that we can also use for smaller parents events.



## Spying Nature

Children in Poppies, Sunflowers, year 1 and year 2 became nature spies this week. We were joined the East Devon Rangers who took us out in to the woods to look for clues. They found tracks and feathers. They created a lovely hideaway too.



# Online Safety Newsletter

## November 2022

Please find attached the November Online Safety newsletter for parents: Roblox, Discord, Yubo.



# A Love of Learning...

## Autumn 2022 Dates for the Diary...

### November

Date	Time	Who	Event	Information
Fri 11th	9:00am	Yr 3	"We Present Our Learning"	9:00- 9:20am in the Hall. Parents are welcome to join us.
Wed 23rd	am	Yr5/6	Author Visit- Alex Cotter in School	
Fri 18th		All	Children in Need	Non Uniform day. You can donate to any Children in Need collection point or there will be a collection tin by the School Office.
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Yr 1	"We Present Our Learning"	9:00- 9:20am in the Hall. Parents are welcome to join us.

### December

Date	Time	Who	Event	Information
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00am	Year 1	Year 1 Christmas Crafts	Parents are welcome to join their children for an hour of Christmas Sparkle. Parents to wait on the playground until children have been registered then can come through the classroom door.
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2:40pm	Yr 4	Christingle	Parents of year 4 are welcome to join us for the start of Christmas in the school hall.
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Pop and Sun	Christmas songs	A letter will come home for you to request free tickets
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	2:20pm	Year 2	Musical nativity play	A letter will come home for you to request free tickets
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	2:20pm			
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am			
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	-	KS2	Bespoke Dance day	
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Year 5	Carol Service – year 5	You are welcome to join us at St John's Church Withycombe Road. Doors open at 10:45am
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	2:15pm	Year 6	Carol Service- Year 6	You are welcome to join us at St John's Church Withycombe Road. Doors open at 2:00pm
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch	All	Christmas dinner	Children can order on the day..
			Christmas parties	- No need to send in anything
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	pm	All	Sleeping Beauty Pantomime	A visiting theatre company.
Thur 15 <sup>th</sup>	2:40pm	Parents	Parent Workshop- Managing Big Feelings	Strategies to help children overcome big emotions and feelings and find ways to express themselves.
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Year 3	Christmas Carols outside	Year 3 parents are welcome to wrap up warm and join for some outdoor carols.
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term			

### January

Date	Time	Who	Event	Information
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>		All	Victorian Day	Children are welcome to dress up in a simple costume: This could be a white T shirt and grey trousers with a small accessory or could be more adventurous. The children will learn about Victorians through a Victorian school activities.
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Yr 3	"We Present Our Learning"	9:00- 9:20am in the Hall. Parents are welcome to join us.



# *A Love of Learning...*

## Poppies and Sunflowers

We have been looking at numbers everywhere in our environment.



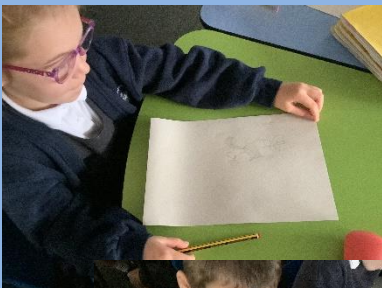
## Year One

Year 1 have been learning about what people remember from the 1960s. We found out about some important events that happened during this decade and learned how we can read dates and put events into chronological order.



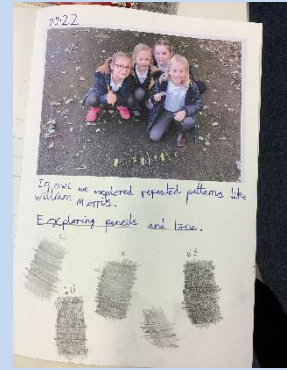
## Year Two

Year 2 had a virtual visit from the author and illustrator Alex T. Smith. He told us all about his writing and taught us how to draw Furball who is a rabbit in one of his books.



# Year Three

As part of Art lessons this term, we are learning about William Morris and his use of repeated patterns in his printing. This week, as well as practising repeated patterns in OWL, the children have learnt about the different range of shades of graphite pencils and how they can use them to vary the shade in their own sketches of nature.



# Year Four



Year 4 have begun learning netball skills in Outdoor PE. We have focused on catching and chest passes as well as footwork skills such as pivoting.



# Year Five

In gymnastics in year 5, we have really enjoyed developing our skills and agility using a variety of rolls and we went on to combine this with using apparatus safely!



# Year Six

Year 6 have been practising how to use multi clause by using strips of paper to insert relative clauses, parentheses and brackets.

