

• Hello everyone •

What a change in weather from the beginning of the week, with gloves and scarves starting to make a presence at the gate on a morning. I can scarcely believe that we are already over half way through term 1, the weeks seem to be flying by!

• Notices •

Warm Clothes

As the weather is turning, please make sure children come to school with extra layers, especially on PE and wild wood days. Please make sure all clothes are labelled. Due to COVID-19 we have to maintain ventilation as best we can. As such windows will be open, which may make classrooms colder than normal. We have the heating on full to try and counter this. School fleeces are available to buy from the Parent Pay Portal.

Car Park

As the days are getting darker, please can all parents ensure that children are observing good road safety. Please make use of the walkway from the car park to the gate. Also, please make sure that children are not running in the staff car park by the school gate.

COVID-19 Testing

A new testing, drive-through, centre has been set up on the UWE Frenchay campus. Tests are by appointment only. Appointments are made either: through the NHS portal (www.nhs.uk) or by calling 119. Only get a test if you are displaying any of the four symptoms.

• Wagtails •

This week we have been learning about the different parts of our bodies and what people need: food, drink and warmth. We talked about our favourite foods, which included cheesy burgers and wobbly jelly, and used our ideas to write some simple list poems.

We had another rather soggy visit to the Wild Woods and went looking for mini-beasts and natural objects. I think some of the bugs were rather put off by the weather but we did manage to find some slugs, woodlice and centipedes and a large black beetle too. What we found inspired us to write our own versions of the song "What a Wonderful World."

The Reception children have now begun to learn their letter sounds. On Monday they will bring home details of how they can log in to Bug Club at home to reinforce their learning with games and other activities.

• Kestrel •

This week kestrel class have been busy investigating some of their feelings in English through different medium. They have made pastel pictures and clouds demonstrating what makes them happy. They have also played an awesome game in PE called 'jail break'. Our finished song verses are now up on the wall and fit to the tune 'What a wonderful world' by Lois Armstrong.



• Peregrines •

From this week we are writing our contribution for the newsletter as a class so we can tell you ourselves what we have been doing this week.

In PE we played a game called Jailbreak which teaches us strategies of defence and attack which is useful in lots of sports not just the rugby that we have been learning this term.

In Maths we have been revising column addition and subtraction. We also looked at 'Frog' which is useful if we need to subtract quickly in a shop.

In DT some of us were finishing our binca bookmarks and we have started our felt worry dolls.

In English and Geography we are finishing our 'Here we are' topic which has helped us look at the world around us and to make sense of things that have happened over the past six months.

In Music we are learning about the genre of Rock and we listened to, appraised and learned to sing 'Livin' on a Prayer by Bon Jovi which was fun.

• Up Coming •

World mental health day 10th October

<https://www.who.int/news-room/events/detail/2020/10/10/default-calendar/the-big-event-for-mental-health>

October is Black history month

Why not try watching an excellent episode of horrible histories!
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p07pd843/horrible-histories-top-5-black-history-month-with-otimabuse>