



Lymington C of E Infant School Newsletter

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Creativity

Our current worship theme is creativity. People who believe in God often talk about him as the Creator. They believe that God made human beings in his own image which means that each of us is also creative. 3000 years ago people wrote poems and songs to God praising him for the wonders of the universe. Some of these are in the Bible. They are called Psalms. In these verses from Psalm 148 the writer imagines the whole of creation praising the Lord God.

Verse 7, Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

Verse 11, kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,

Verse 13, Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his splendour is above the earth and the heavens.

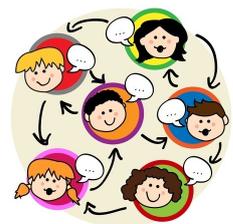
Creativity can be found wherever you look both inside and out. In order to really appreciate creation and be creative ourselves, we rely upon our senses. Go on a family walk in the countryside or park. What can you hear, see, smell and touch? Make a simple map of your walk and collect things from the ground (little sticks, stones, feathers, crispy leaves etc.) to fix on to your map to help you remember what you have experienced with your senses at different places on the journey.



Seen from a Christian perspective all of life is a gift. With this gift comes a mutual responsibility to ensure the creation is not spoiled, but rather sustained and shared by all.

Chit Chat

Trying to keep conversations going with children can be difficult. We often get one word answers or nothing at all! The Communication Trusts suggests that we use comments and prompts to keep the conversation up as they're better than questions for keeping children involved. For example, if your child is eating an ice cream, comment, 'Mmm, that looks good. I love ice cream.' They can then respond with more words than if you ask, 'What's that you're eating?'



Book Week

We have organised lots of fun activities for Book Week starting 11 February. The theme this year is 'Champions'. Mrs Durnell will take the children on a musical adventure to start the week off! There will be different activities for the children to take part in and there will also be a book fair in the sharing area from Monday to Thursday. A percentage of the books sold will go towards books for the school library.

On the Friday, 15 February, the children can dress up as a book character (we are hoping the staff will too!) More details will follow in a dedicated letter nearer the time.



Sunshine Club

There are spaces available on Wednesday's Sunshine Club starting at 7.45am in the school hall. During this session the children do fun Superhero fitness activities followed by distance running to improve stamina and fitness. A breakfast is also provided-all for £4 per session!



Year 2 Titanic Topic

Year 2 have been learning about the Titanic in their new topic. We were lucky to have artefacts from Hampshire Wardrobe including life jackets and costumes, replicas from that era. This week the children will be writing postcards in the role of a passenger on board the famous ship. Everyone is looking forward to going to the Sea City Museum next week to find out more information. On 7 February Year 2 are having a Titanic day when they can dress up as an Edwardian. Mrs Dowding and her string quartet will be playing Nearer My God to Thee as this is the music that was being played on board as it went down!



Used Stamps

Please save all your old stamps as Friends of School are collecting them to raise funds for the school.

Christmas Jumper Day

We were able to send £100 to Save the Children Fund, the amount raised from your donations on Christmas Jumper Day, so thank you for supporting this worthy cause. If you would like to find out more information about the work of Save the Children, please visit their website.



Scout Boat Jumble

Lymington Sea Scouts are holding a Boat Jumble sale in the Scout Hut, Kings Saltern Road, Lymington on Saturday 2 March, 9.30am-12noon. They will be selling second-hand sailing clothing and accessories. Refreshments will be available.

Dates for your diary

31 January	Year 2 visit Sea City Museum and Children's Concert, Southampton
1 February 2.30pm	Year 1 Family Celebration
4 February 2.30pm	Year 2 Family Celebration
7 February	Year 2 Titanic Day (Dress up as an Edwardian-more info to follow)
8 February 2.30pm	Year R Family Celebration—Chinese New Year
11 February	Book Week and Book Fair start
15 February	Dress up as a book character day
18 February	HALF-TERM
25 February	INSET DAY
26 February	Back to school

Reception News

Reception have been very busy exploring the topic 'Whatever the Weather'. They have become scientists testing how long it takes for an ice castle to melt using different objects to crack the ice. Molly and Alfie were very wise when they said "we just need some warm water!" Next week they are making an ice mountain which will be very exciting!

