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Another busy term at Exminster Community Primary School

The children in our school have had another busy term learning new skills and exploring new experiences, both inside and outside of the classroom. Below are some of the things the children have been particularly excited by:

Reception classes:

"I love using the junk modelling. I use all of the different stuff. I really enjoyed making a house for the hamster – we were learning about animals." Tululah.

"I really like the writing table – I love to use the felt tip pens to write letters to my mum and dad." Jess.

"I like playing with my friends best. We play with the crates outside. We make houses –if it gets hard we help each other to do it." Hope

"I loved writing my letter to Father Christmas. I asked for a big bumble bee. I can't wait to post my letter at the post office with my friends." Finn.

Year 1:

"I love GOAL time. We have to remember to get the lolly sticks. I love building with the Lego – I am good at making buildings. I can change them the next day." Kade.

"I am getting better at my maths. I can talk about how many tens and ones there are in numbers. I even tried bigger numbers that have hundreds in them." Xani.

"I loved going to the Forest School. We had lots of fun in the mud. We all got really messy and we made a fire. We had to be careful." Joni.

Year 2:

"I like getting better at things. We have to try really hard to do it. When I am reading, I have to look at all of the sounds in the words." Amelia.

"I love doing P.E. I can play different games. You have to listen to the rules and get to do things with your friends." Mackenzie.

"I loved doing my homework. I got to find out lots of new things about before I was born. All the mummies and daddies came to look at the work. I felt very proud of my work." Jack.

Year 3:

"I loved making the Greek plates from grey clay. We had to roll it out and make it flat. We had to make a design for it. I can't wait to decorate mine." Jayden.

"I have found Maths challenging and fun in Year 3. I really enjoy multiplication. I could do: 5×11 , it's 55. I think about what I already know about the numbers." Tomos.

"I have really enjoyed learning about the Gods and Goddesses in Ancient Greece. My favourite is Athena – she is the Goddess of war, wisdom and craft. She is really exciting." Charlotte.

Year 4:

"We went to Kent's Cavern for a trip. We talked about how Stone Age people might have lived. I am scared of the dark but I still liked the trip. I am very proud of myself." Crystal.

"The Chiefs came in for 5 weeks. We did do tag rugby with them but we also did maths with them. We looked at pitch length and we had to figure out points on the team table. It was lots of fun." Jake.

"I've loved English. I liked the poetry that we did. I did mine about weird animals as I thought that would be more interesting. I used my neatest handwriting too." Emma.

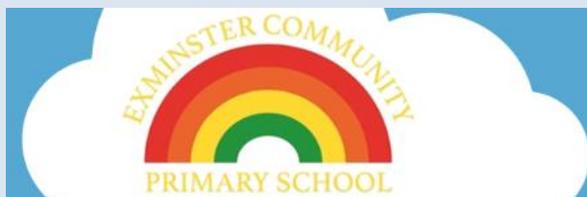
"I found our residential to Hemyock really fun. We had to go in a freezing river. I didn't think I would but I did. I made friends in my new class." Declan.

Year 5:

"We have been learning about Saxons – I have learnt a lot. I have enjoyed designing my brooch. I loved doing diary entries for my home learning too. I can't wait to show all of the parents when they come in to see our exhibition." Jack.

"I really enjoyed doing Gymnastics in PE. We had to work as a group – sometimes that is hard but we kept going. We are practising the mannequin challenge." Millie.





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"I love GOAL time, which is new this term. We can be independent and don't have to stick to a particular style of work. You do have to be focussed though. I love that we get to share our work." Billy.

"English has been really good. We have been looking at Hugo Cabret. It's really exciting. Each time we read a bit I didn't want it to stop – I just wanted to keep going. I used lots of descriptive language in my own writing afterwards." Ella.

Year 6:

"I really enjoyed writing my flashback in my English work. We worked as a team to come up with ideas. I thought it would be hard but it was easier because it was based on a story I know really well." Austin.

"I really enjoy computing. We have been designing games for Year 3 children. We have the whole of Year 6 to make sure we make it right. It has to be educational and we use surveys to make sure younger children will want to play it." George.

"We have been making scale models. They are of landmarks in Exminster. We went for a walk around the village to look at them all. We had to do lots of research first and then come up with our own ideas." Gina.

"In GOAL time, and English, we can be a bit more independent in how we choose to do things. It really feels like the work belongs to you at the end." Sophie.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy restful Christmas, thank you for your continued support this term and we look forward to seeing you in 2017. Spring Term starts on Wednesday 4th January.

Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

Friday 16th December, the last day of term, is Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children. In return for a small donation to the charity children can wear something bright and cheerful to school.

Exeter Chiefs Tag Rugby Festival

On Thursday 8th December, 20 children from Year 4 took part in a Tag Rugby Festival organised by Exeter Chiefs through their Tackling Numbers project they run in schools. The children had an amazing day and were a credit to themselves with their behaviour and sportsmanship. In the 8 games that they played, they won 6, lost 1 and drew 1. Congratulations to two of our children picked out by the referees and Chiefs organisers as the two players who stood out of all the children participating. Amazing effort Year 4!

Health Issues

We have had a number of bugs and ailments over recent weeks – notably sickness, diarrhoea and threadworm. We constantly emphasise with the children the need for thorough hand-washing after visiting the toilet and before eating and should be grateful if you would re-inforce this message over the Christmas holidays.

Access via Hillcrest (Back Lane)

Parents should not drive down to the back gate, along Hillcrest, **at any time** and the gate area should always be kept clear of vehicles. If you require disabled access please contact the School Office.

From Exminster School Association

The AGM of Exminster School Association will be held on Tuesday 7th February 2017. Please put the date in your diaries. Further information will be sent out early next term.

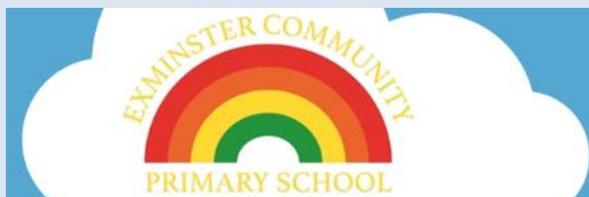
Exminster Summer Playscheme

We can confirm the AGM (Annual General Meeting) will be on WEDNESDAY 25TH JANUARY, 7.30 pm at THE ROYAL OAK. We welcome some new faces to the committee to ensure this wonderful event can continue for many more years. If you are keen to be involved, but unable to attend the meeting, please let me know.

We are also holding a QUIZ NIGHT on SUNDAY 8TH JANUARY, 8.00pm at THE ROYAL OAK. Teams are up to 4 people, costing £2 per person with cash prizes and a raffle. The pub is very kindly hosting quiz nights with all proceeds toward a designated group or charity. The first quiz last month raised £156 for the local pre-school, so we are looking to raise a similar amount if not more! Our thanks go to the pub and Paul Ham for their support and setting the questions. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

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Boys Dance Project

Don't miss this amazing opportunity for boys who want to DANCE! For more information please contact Becky Mason on 01364 652230.



Calling all boys aged 5 – 18 interested in Dance

Do you want to be part of this exciting project in 2017?

All abilities welcome

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Nayamba Christmas Gift Campaign

Are you looking for a little extra gift for stocking fillers or to add in a Christmas card? Why not buy a gift that makes a difference - the gift is a donation to Nayamba School's food programme. It costs just £1 to feed a Nayamba child a hot, enriched porridge every day for a month. This programme, not only ensures great attendance at the school, but pupils are more attentive in class and, most importantly, we now know every child has all the daily essential nutrients they need in order to thrive.

For £2, £6 or £12 you can buy meals for a child for 2, 6 or 12 months. You will be given a double sided, full colour postcard to give and we will add 100% of your donation directly to our food programme. Please make your donation at the following website <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/SadieClarke>

Please email sadienayamba@outlook.com once you have made your donation to arrange delivery of your gift card(s)

Nayamba School is a free school for 300 pupils in rural Zambia. The Nayamba Trust is a UK charity that guarantees 100% of all donations go directly to the school to make a difference - not a penny goes elsewhere! This means your money can make the greatest impact and, due to regular visits and the school's transparency with us, we see how every penny is spent and how it changes lives.

