

# Exminster

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### Reading Corner

Lovereading4kids (<http://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/>) has some recommendations this month of new books. On here, you can look at the most recent releases, search by age group, find out about different authors, look at book reviews, buy books, book recommendations for boys, search by genre of book and lots more. You can sign up for an email of the monthly newsletter which gives you new releases to look out for/request at the library, put on a birthday list, buy for birthday presents or save up pocket money for.

### Rainbow value - Potential

This week lots of children have come to show me their learning and I would just like to highlight a few pieces:

Max in Reception told Mrs Miller that he wanted to be like Austin ('Austin's butterfly' from our assembly last week) and kept trying and trying with his writing. He was really pleased with what he had achieved and had worked really hard on sounding out every word.

Hayden and Charlie came to visit from Year 1. They had decided what to write, then carefully wrote on the lines in their books, sounding out every word. They had both constructed their own sentences to tell me about different animals and what they did when their teeth fell out.

I visited 3BM as they had their 'secret teachers' going around watching the learning and spotting evidence of our Rainbow Values. Bonnie showed motivation through her poem written at home, Imogen, Susie, Bonnie and Jasmine showed being inclusive at playtimes, Matthew D showed engagement through his writing and Harry and Finn showed potential through their use of brackets in their science investigation writing. Have a look on their Rainbow Values board for loads of evidence of these from the 'secret teachers'.

Kitty and Hannah in Year 5 came to show me a piece of Science work to explain the life cycle of an animal. Their first attempt was a quick one that clearly showed the scientific process but then they decided they would have another go at it, putting detail to their drawing and writing resulting in a highly informative piece of science learning.

### E-safety

If you've heard of Minecraft then you probably know what a big deal it is to many children. It is a great online game that children love to interact with but many people don't realise there is also a social networking element to the game. We don't want this to stop children's online fun, but to support families to do this safely you can change the settings. The NSPCC have added a page to their website dedicated to Minecraft with a further document to support families.

There are also lots of YouTube videos to support Minecrafters but some of these are also not appropriate for young children. Advice on YouTube parental control settings can also be found on <https://www.commonsemmedia.org/blog/a-parents-ultimate-guide-to-youtube>

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### Ecokids bags

The collection of eco-bags went well on Tuesday, even if it was a bot wet! Many thanks for the 121 bags that came in weighing about 350kg (subject to bags being checked at the warehouse). This will raise approximately £175 for the school and will be confirmed within the next week.

### Year 4 POP up Family SEAL session

Many thanks to families who were able to attend the Pop-up Family SEAL session for Year 4. Families enjoyed playing board games, blind folded decorating of cakes, playdough activities, sock puppet making, messy trays, painting and reading with their children. Family SEAL is a series of sessions that run every year for our Reception class parents. Last year we have started building in Pop-up individual sessions occasionally for different year groups so they may have these opportunities again with activities alongside their families. Soon we will be starting the Reception sessions and finishing off the summer term with a Pop-up Year 6 session.

### School Disco Friday 5 February

We hope you're all looking forward to the disco on Friday 5th February! FS + KS1 disco 6-6.45pm, KS2 disco 7-8pm

In the interests of the children's safety and in case of a fire alarm, we have made a few changes to the way children will come into the disco and how they will leave so please read the following information carefully. For both discos please enter through the main entrance at the side of the school. When you arrive at the disco we will be signing the children in so please bear with us, this might take a bit of getting used to! Any adults helping or staying at the disco with children will also be asked to sign in on arrival. Reception children must be accompanied by an adult.

BOTH KS1 and KS2 children are to be collected by parents from the Foundation Stage outdoor classroom. Please wait inside the fenced area and a member of staff or parent helper will see the children out. In the event of a fire alarm we will follow the same procedure as school.

Please make sure children who wish to buy drinks, snacks or glow sticks come to the disco with some change. Here is a list of what's on offer!

- Drinks - 50p
- Crisps and sweets from 10p
- Glow sticks - 50p / £1
- Finger torches - £1
- Tattoos - 50p

We look forward to seeing you there!

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