



# The Thursday GREEN'EM

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## Learning Across School

Last week in **F1** the children have really enjoyed looking closely at themselves and their friends and talking about how similar and different they look.

In **F2** we are learning about Chinese New Year – we have learnt a dragon dance and the story behind Chinese New Year (it is the year of the dog). We will be having a Chinese New Year treat.

In **Y1** this week they have taken the opportunity to try out one of Joe Wicks' YouTube programs and then had some fun dancing!

This week **Y2** have been investigating how different objects can be changed in science. They have looked at different materials to see if they can be bent, squashed, twisted or stretched.

This week in **Y3**, they have been creating some rather lovely smells but from some very unlikely sources. The children have made and eaten mammoth poo! It wasn't as disgusting as it sounds as it was made from butter, sugar and chocolate chips.

This week in **Y4**, one class (Y4NW) have been and returned from their adventures at Thornbridge and the other class (Y4DT) are part way through their residential visit. One of the challenges faced were the Low Ropes and then a series of activities including leading each other through dark tunnels. Orienteering is another activity taken on and conquered.

This week, **Y5** enjoyed our visit to the newly stocked library and had plenty of discussions about the new books. Since visiting, 16 children from just one class have revisited to scan out books to enjoy.

On Monday, nine Year 6 children went to Pond's Forge to play Dodgeball against other schools from around the city. They performed brilliantly and had a great time. Caitlin and Jihan created a poster based on a superhero – Thor – it won the best poster competition! Our prize was 2 new dodgeballs.

These are the five Ds of dodgeball:

Dodge, dive, dip, duck and dodge!



## Missing Books

When you're having a spring clean, please can you look at home and return any school books to us so that other children can enjoy them.

## F2 need your junk

Please can you save your cardboard boxes, tubes, etc for our topic next term when we will be learning about fairy tales.

## World Book Day

Remember that we will be celebrating World Book Day in school on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March and to help get into the spirit of characters and stories, children (and staff) can come to school dressed up. Please don't think you need to go out and buy an outfit, there are lots of ways you can join in without the expense. Take a look on the official website for ideas: <http://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up/>

## Sam Safari visits WCM...twice

In the last two weeks, we have been visited by some rather exotic animals. We learnt a lot of fun and interesting facts about different animals and stroked them. We were very brave. We stroked a snake, stick insect, a tree frog, a chinchilla, hedgehog, leopard gecko, bearded dragon, tortoise and a mouse.



In Year 6, we made links with our learning related to evolution and adaptation. Our favourite animals were a Mossy Frog, a Pygmy Hedgehog and Miss Heap's favourite – Holiday the armadillo.



## F2 Yard

Starting on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February the F2 yard will be having a makeover, the work will continue into half term. Please be aware there could be heavy machinery in the yard so be extra careful dropping off and picking up. We can't wait to see what it's like when we get back.

## WCM Holiday Fun Days

The letter went out two weeks ago for holiday activities. There are now just 10 places remaining: 1 for Swimming on Monday and 9 places on Tuesday at the Skate Park – it has

now been opened up to Years 3-6. To book a place please complete and return the booking form along with payment (this is non-refundable) to the office.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February** – Swimming at Hillsborough Leisure Centre for Y3-6.

Children must be able to swim. The cost is £6 and a packed lunch is needed.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February** – Skate Park for Y4-6. Children can take their own scooter and will need a packed lunch. This activity costs £10.00

## F1 Whirlow Visit

On **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**, F1 will be going on a visit to Whirlow Farm. If you've booked a place for your child then make sure they are appropriately dressed so they can enjoy themselves. If your child is not going on the visit, remember nursery will be closed on that day because of the visit.

## Active Travel – design a footprint badge

In June we will be taking part in the Active Travel Challenge again, where we will be encouraging you and your children to travel to school in an active way for 10 days. We are sending home a leaflet for you take part in a Design a Footprint Badge Competition. Get creative and you could be a WINNER, as your child's design could be turned into a badge for the Active Travel Challenge!

Entries need to be handed into school before Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, so that we can send them off before the Easter holidays!

Don't forget to put your name and class on your design!

## Jokes of the Week

Q. What has four eyes but can't see?

A. Mississippi

Q. What stories do pigs tell their children?

A. Pig Tales

Q. How do you catch a squirrel?

A. Climb up a tree and act like a nut!

## Half Term Holiday

We break up for the February half term holiday on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February** and come back to school on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February**. Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February is our 4<sup>th</sup> training day of the year.