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## Lockdown Life

These last eleven weeks have been so different to anything we have ever known before. In many ways for those working at school, life has continued on normally but having to cope with a number of restrictions. The children although missing visits and community trips have carried on doing learning activities and having plenty of fun especially this period of lovely weather. The grounds have of course been a blessing, and being able to take local country walks and carry on with our on site activities, our daily routines have continued on. I wish to publicly thank all the staff who have been amazing throughout this period. Many coping with families of their own being at home and juggling with all that this unprecedented time has brought. We have continued to achieve so much with the children and it is because of the team effort by all that we have been able to do this.



*During our Lockdown time we have made sure that we have remained safe while also not stopping our learning.*

## Easter

We were very grateful to Sherfield School who collect eggs for many across the county each year; because these were not able to be delivered they gave them to us. 150 eggs plus a few other donations meant that we had plenty for all throughout the whole Easter holiday. Easter Egg hunts, making chocolate cakes, Easter Egg games and races filled our Easter weekend. All was celebrated in the glorious sunshine.



We have joined in the painting of rainbows and made our own Clap for Heroes video.



## St. George's Day



Our British Values element of our curriculum was followed with a lovely weekend exploring the story of St. George, a treasure hunt around school grounds, finding and collecting a series of pictures of all things typically British. Afternoon tea on the lawns finished Sunday afternoon off well with scones, jam and cream.



Although our music therapist has not been in during lockdown, we have not missed out expressing our feelings loudly. David has run fab sessions with drums and electric guitars.

## VE Day

Although explaining the concept of VE was a little too much for us here at school, that did not stop us from mixing our traditional May day celebrations with the national VE day Remembrance. We supported the local preservation society by decorating the old telephone box with flags and bunting and throughout school we made our special VE day bunting. Pictures were sent into the local BBC programme and ours were displayed on their special VE web site and David (Music teacher) was interviewed by the local BBC radio station as we explained all that we had been up to. Traditional games like Croquet and May Pole dancing had been enjoyed by all.



Explorational learning

## Musical Expression





Exploring the concepts of over and under using physical activity.



Creating number patterns and finding numbers using ladybird counters.



Our planting and growing has developed greatly as we use our new polytunnel for vegetables.

## Outdoor Learning

Our work outdoors in these current situations has flourished. We love being outside and life is so much freer. We ran a numeracy day which helps to broaden all staff and children's experiences. We explored the concept of number through physical activities, while also linking into our historical theme with Roman numerals built with sticks.



The children have been able to continue to ride over the past months, and Annie is now very happy in her new paddocks. We have also purchased a new tricycle and this week we are also purchasing a new cradle swing and in-ground trampoline for the back field, thanks to some wonderful donations. Replacing the trim trail and the climbing frame.



The new polytunnel has a number of raised beds in which we have been planting a variety of vegetables and soft fruits. We hope to use these in our cooking sessions later in the year.



**Thank you to all parents and visitors for your understanding as we work under these tough restrictions. We have together kept the children safe and enabled our work to carry on.**



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