



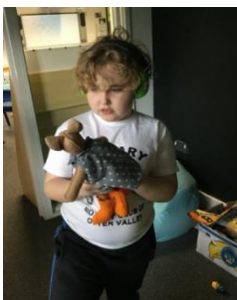
Class 3

Class 3 have been busy 'Going on a Bear Hunt' this week... some did their 'hunting' indoors, whilst others went outside to see who they could find!



Class 4

Pupils in Class 4 love their new 'classmate' **Wilhemina the Mouse** so much that they have adopted her as their mascot! Their teacher Tracy put out an appeal when their old toy mouse went missing from their story bag; and local East Budleigh resident Shelley Mathews came to the rescue by hand making Wilhemina. She has helped bring the Gruffalo story to life this week, while pupils made Gruffalos out of paper cups and trees out of playdough.



Class 11

Staying with the Julia Donaldson theme, Class 11 have been focusing on 'Stick Man' this week. Pupils have enjoyed retelling the story using props and creating Stick Man themed art.



Class 8 and Class 12

Class 8 have really enjoyed being out this week, using pedal power to cycle to Lymptone and back! The pupils (and staff so I'm told) were absolutely brilliantly behaved and managed to do the whole ride without stopping or crashing!

Class 12 also took a break from their work in class to cycle the same route.

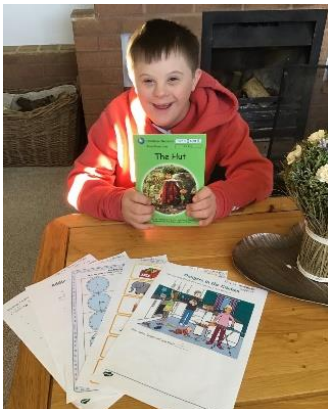


Also enjoying the fresh air, some of the other class 8 pupils enjoyed a trip to Budleigh to do a bit of bird watching.



Class 9

As well as braving the wind, rain, sun and snow on their walks this week, Class 9 have also continued some great learning at home. The class have cooked, read and danced together via Zoom, and enjoyed building Mr Potato Heads as part of their Toy Story topic!





Class 10

Class 10 boys have been showing off their artistic sides at home this week... there seems to be a bit of a car theme!



New Mill Water Library Appeal

The impact of Covid has seen greater reliance on electronics, so it is more important than ever to progress with our exciting plans to renovate Mill Water's library. This will ensure there is a safe and accessible space for small groups of children to engage in both their love of reading and their love of stories and text.



We are currently shortlisting contractors who have submitted innovative designs for the room adjacent to the canteen area. We are also launching a fundraising campaign for the renovations and new books. The new library will open out onto our courtyard space, which is also earmarked for improvements.

Stories are key to providing relevant and meaningful vocabulary to pupils and to support their communication skills. We have recently appointed literacy tutor Vicky Woolsey to oversee the library and phonics intervention.

One of the pupils from class 12 has asked several staff and pupils (in doorways whilst keeping a safe distance) which library design they prefer for the new library renovations. She created a tally chart to see which option was the most popular and option 2 came out as the winning design. She is very keen on running a library lunchtime club with Vicky which is fantastic. More news to follow as the renovations get underway!



Vicky has also got underway with her Literacy interventions in her newly revamped room. This week pupils have enjoyed using the rainbow letters around the room, practising their handwriting and working on their phonics knowledge and reading skills. Vicky is also busy preparing for World Read Aloud Day next week: Wednesday January 4th 2021.