



# Mill Water School

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## Mill Water Sensory Orchard

This spring the children have been busy as usual continuing to develop space around the school and learning on many levels. We have begun planting flowers and veg for the season learning about life cycles.

Class 5 and Class 7 have been learning about camp fire safety and how to light, manage and cook marshmallows on an open fire.



We have finally buried the time capsule and learned about maps, how they work and why they are important.

Rural Skills I have been very busy and a new group, Rural Skills II led by Ollie Fuller, has begun in Key Stage 2. The children in both groups are learning the basic practical and independent skills that will enable them to access Bicton College when they leave Mill Water.

Mill Water Blooms has its first crop of daffodils and both groups are looking forward to seeing how much money they can make in our first year.

Mill Water Moorland Walkers has started during enrichment time on a Friday. This group are learning about safe walking in moorland and mountain environments and use Woodbury and surrounding common land to train. We hope to establish teams that can access events and activities such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award, Ten Tors and the Jubilee Challenge.

Bird Week has been a great success, the highlight this year being the falconry experience thanks to David Buncle, falconer to Escot Country Park.

On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May Artist Darrell Wakelam will be running an Interactive Art Day at Mill Water, as part of the Dippy on Tour project from the National History Museum. This is open to the public; please see attached flier.





# Rural Skills

**Rural Skills I** has been working hard on a variety of projects this spring, bordering our new vegetable plots with hazel, caring for the emerging flowers we planted last year ready for sale, creating a sales point in the staff room and helping set up bird week for the wider school. They have also been sowing vegetables and flowers for the coming season.



**Rural Skills II** led by Ollie Fuller has truly established itself this term. Aimed at Key Stage 2, this group prepares children for Rural Skills I by instilling independent skills and providing a grounding in all the practical skills they will need.



Beyond interventions, many classes have opportunities to learn valuable rural skills in class this year.





# Mill Water Moorland Walkers



## Burying the Time Capsule



## Campfire Safety



## Bird Week



Thanks as always to all the pupils and staff at Mill Water School for their hard work. Thank you to all our supporters and friends beyond the school for everything you do to support the project.

### Funding

The PTFA continue to be busy and have recently secured funding for a range of tools essential to Rural Skills through the Batworks Grant from the Devon Greater Horseshoe Bat Project. We are applying to the Lottery for funding to complete Phase II of the Tree House.