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Year 1 Geography

Lions thoroughly enjoyed their first trip out to Bicclescombe Park this week. They had a great time playing in the park, going on a geography hunt and looking for human and physical features.







### Forest School

This week at Forest School the children have enjoyed playing in the willow dens and building their own structures using wooden blocks.

They hunted for sticks to build a fence and had a great time in the mud kitchen making their own soup.





Dear Parents and Carers,

### Attendance

Your child's current attendance data from the start of term until today has been sent home in a sealed envelope. Good attendance is important because:

- regular attenders make better progress, both socially and academically;
- regular attenders settle into school more easily and find learning more satisfying;
- regular attenders find school routines, school work and friendships easier to cope with; and
- statistics show a direct link between under-achievement and poor attendance.

As a parent or carer you can help us by:

- ensuring your child attends school regularly;
- telephoning on the first morning of any absence to give us the reason and to tell us when your child is likely to return to school;
- arranging all non-emergency medical appointments out of school hours or during school holidays;
- keeping us updated if your child has any extended period of absence;
- sending in a note confirming the reason for your child's absence when he/she returns to school; and
- making sure your emergency contact details are up to date.

We shall always strive to ensure contact with parents or carers of absent pupils on a daily basis, following up unexplained absences by phone calls or in writing as necessary, and supporting children and parents/carers who are having difficulties with attendance. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Flu Immunisation

We have been made aware that some parents/carers of children eligible for the flu nasal vaccination may have received a letter from the NHS about registering their child for the vaccination. Please be reassured that as long as you have completed the consent link below then your child will be vaccinated on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020.

## https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA).

Tel: 0300 247 0082 Email: <u>vcl.immunisations@nhs.net</u>

#### **Reception visit to Bicclescombe Park**

Seahorse class went to Bicclescombe Park this week to explore their local environment and look for numbers and symbols around them. They saw the Mill and watched the water wheel fill and turn then they walked around the sensory garden and looked at the mosaics. The children collected leaves and described the different sounds they heard in the park. The visit ended with fun in the play area.



#### PE Kit

Children will require a pair of shorts and joggers, a T shirt and suitable footwear (eg. trainers or plimsolls). These need to be in a named bag and in school at all times. Please let Lauren know in the school office, if this creates any difficulties.

Thank you

## With kind regards

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**Claire Grant** Executive Headteacher

# Parking

May we please remind parents and carers to be considerate when parking and to follow the street signage with regard to restrictions at the beginning and end of the school day.

Thank you