



## Year 2 Secret Agents!

Year 2 have been working incredibly hard as secret agents this last week! We have learnt how to take fingerprints, create secret spy gadgets and be some of the first children in the world to do some new maths and reading challenges!

We're also learning about amazing people in history including some remarkable women.

Grayling 2 have been finding out about Marie Curie, Meadow 2 have been discovering Florence Nightingale and Skipper 2 have been learning about Mary Seacole.



Dear Parents/Carers

Although that was one of the shortest half terms that we've had for a long time, we seem to have fitted an awful lot in! There is no doubt that it has been busy, but in amongst the flurry of activity I've noticed a sigh of relief gradually working its way through our community as we all welcome back the joy of more holistic ways of working again.

It has been wonderful to welcome so many of you to our 'Stay and ...' sessions in each year group this half term. Our 'Stay and ...' sessions were always popular in the past but I think their reintroduction over these last few weeks has been accompanied by much emotion and a shared feeling that we shouldn't ever take these events for granted again. We look forward to sharing another opportunity to experience aspects of our curriculum for yourself again after half term.

Today has been an incredibly special day and although we couldn't invite you all in to join us, you have been very much with us through the support that you have given to your children in their choice of outfit today and the history and stories that you have shared with them linked with these choices. We have included some highlights later in the newsletter and there will be a chance to watch our whole school 'Jubilee Jive' later on the website. This is the first time that we have come together as a whole school since July 2019. I am sure that the children will share their own highlights from today but mine have included our sharing of other role models that will go down in history, Miss Hudson's Commonwealth Corgi Hunt in the school grounds, our whole school 'Jubilee Jive', the arrival of our 'Damers Queen' at our Street Party and the children's rendition of 'Love As Our Guide' as a gift to our Queen. A beautiful day and memories that I'm sure will be treasured for many years to come.

After half term we will share with you our plans for September and who will be where but until then ...

I wish you and your families a relaxed half term, a chance to enjoy the outdoors and some long and happy days in the sunshine.

Catherine Smith

Headteacher





Congratulations to Her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee from all at Damers



# Summer Pledges

Every term, each class in Years 1-4 pledges to make a difference to their community, the environment or to animals. Our 'Roots and Shoots' pledges are inspired by Dr Jane Goodall's wise words and the United Nation's Global Goals for Sustainable Development.

## Our pledges for the Summer term ...

Meadow 2's pledge is keep healthy in body and in mind. We aim to run our daily mile to and eat healthily to keep our bodies fit, and do some mindfulness each week to keep our minds healthy.



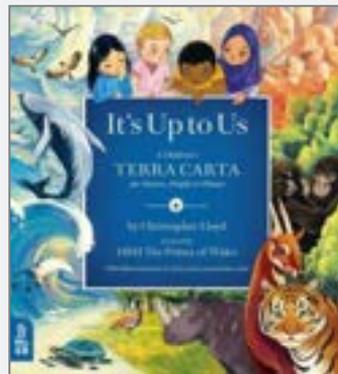
Skipper 1 is pledging to create a classroom where everyone is welcome. They will learn about role models who have fought for equality.



Grayling 2's pledge is all about protecting marine life. They will be learning about the ocean, using reusable water bottles at school and putting their rubbish and recycling in the correct bins.



Skipper 2's pledge is to find out how they can help improve our school area for bikes and scooters. They want to find out if there is a way in increase the bike and scooter storage areas near the main gate.



Year 4 are raising money for Save the Children by doing a sponsored duathlon. They will cycle 180km and run 42.2km in one day without stopping!



Meadow 1 are going to try and raise £36 so they can adopt a turtle for a year.



Year 3 will be raising money this year and sending it to the Rainforest Trust.

Grayling 1 will be going wild in nature everyday so they will feel happier and healthier.





# SNAZZY SCIENCE!

Why not try making a 'sky and sunset' jar at home?

## You will need:

Glass jar - Torch - Milk - Water - Teaspoon

## How to (method):

1. Put half a teaspoon of milk into the jar
2. Fill the rest of the jar with water to make a cloudy white mixture
3. In a dark room, hold a torch to one side of the jar and shine a light through it (notice the colour)
4. Now move the torch so that it is behind the jar and shines through at you (look at the colour now)

## What's happening (the science bit)?

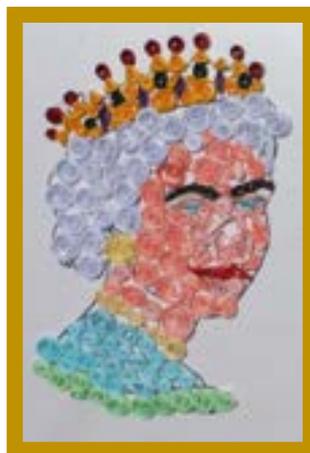
The colour should have started blue and turned to a red colour. The milk acts like air particles in the sky, which scatter colours of light in different directions. This affects which colours we see, which is why the sky sometimes looks blue, sometimes red.

When light shines through the side of the jar, blue is the light that is most likely to be scattered and seen. When you hold the torch behind the jar, the light is scattered in a different way. You see the red, the light that hasn't been scattered so much. This is similar to what happens in a sunset.

Please send your photos of any science you do at home to [science@damers.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:science@damers.dorset.sch.uk). At the end of the term, we will celebrate this in an assembly and give out prizes to some of our super scientists! We can't wait to see what exciting things you discover!



# Royal Portrait Gallery





This half term in Year 4 we have been creating our own artwork based on the illustrations of Poonam Mistry in the book *It's Up To Us*. We worked hard to replicate her techniques and produced our own designs which we showed off to grown ups last week!

## MATHS MANIA!

Our school is celebrating the Queen's Jubilee. Princess Elizabeth became queen in 1953 in Westminster Abbey. Why not do some Maths about this number?

- What is the value of the 1, 9, 5 and 3?
- What is the total of the individual digits in 1953? ( $1+9+5+3$ )
- What is the total of the value of each digit? ( $1000+900+50+3$ )
- Can you use the digits in the number to make 3?
- Can you use the digits in the number to make 46?
- How many years were left before the next decade?
- Can you write 1953 in Roman numerals?
- What is double 1953?



## Healthy Week

We kick start next half term with Healthy Week! All children will need to wear their PE kit every day, ready to take part in the whole school Get Up and Dance each morning. They will also have the opportunity to take part in a variety of sports in their year groups including martial arts, cricket and Latin dancing!

There will also be lots of learning about how to look after our minds and bodies through eating healthily, first aid and yoga.

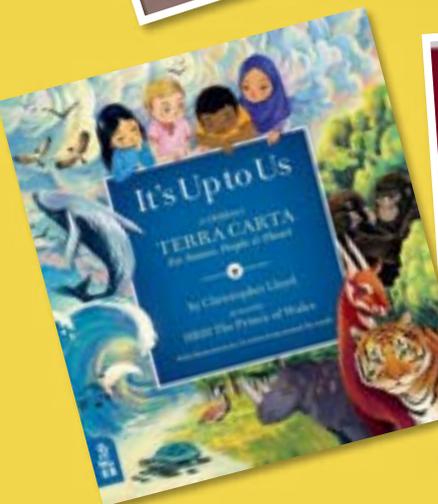
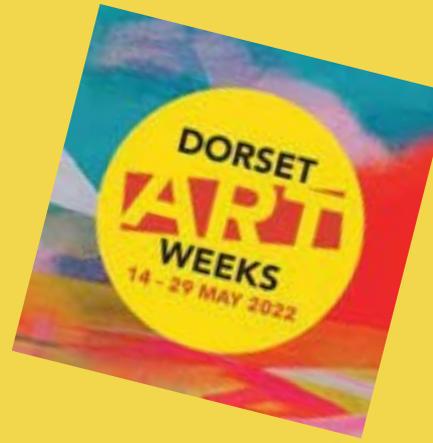


# It's Up To Us

*It certainly is!*

As Damers sets out to lead our community in a more sustainable future we set them alight with our beautiful and amazing artwork.

A huge CONGRATULATIONS to every child and adult in our school community for this magnificent display of hope and aspiration for the future.



On Sunday 12th June, 2pm - 4pm Damers will be taking part in **Poundbury Open Gardens**. Many gardens around Poundbury will also be open during the day. A green ribbon will be tied on to the door of a home which will indicate that you can go and look around their garden. The school grounds will be open for your families and friends to come and have a look at our gardens, wild flowers, bird hide, nature area with pond, chickens and see how we make our own compost from our food waste. It is also a chance to come and talk to children and our dedicated volunteers who work with the children in the gardens most afternoons. Please enter the school through the side entrance in Liscombe Street.



## Fun at Gore Farm!

Foundation have had a brilliant time visiting Gore Farm this half term. We were lucky enough to hold chicks and ducklings as well as see many other animals and go on a tractor ride to see different crops! We now know so much more about where our food comes from.



# Sunny Days for Year 1

Year 1 have had a very busy half term. Here are some of our highlights!

In music we have begun learning how to play the ukulele. The sound of 30 ukuleles strumming loudly in the music room is quite amazing. We have some talented musicians in Year 1.

This week we visited the 'It's Up to Us' exhibition at Jubilee Hall, Poundbury. The children were really inspired by the amazing art on display. The children were incredibly sensible and showed a real interest in the artwork. The children were given the opportunity to vote for their favourite piece of art, it was amazing to see the amount of variety in the pieces that they chose.

Finally, with the good weather appearing, we have been making the most of our outdoor area. We have lots planned for next term including Forest School, Outdoor Art and Science and the return of the Year 1 Welly Walk!

# Super Spotters

We have spotted our first floglets in the pond! We have watched them since they were little black dots in the frog spawn and them hatching and swimming about as tadpoles. Over the last few weeks we have seen the tadpoles legs getting bigger and bigger and their tails getting smaller and smaller. Now the tiny frogs are sitting on the lily pads and looking very cute.



## Froglet Fact

As the Froglet's tail shrinks, the lungs develop and the back legs grow, then we have a Frog. Amphibians must shed their skin as they grow. Usually they eat their shed skin. Yum!

Let us know if you spot anything over the half term break  
[superspotters@damers.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:superspotters@damers.dorset.sch.uk)

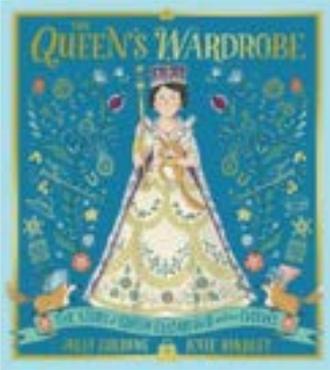


*New 'Introduction to Autism' days are being held in Bournemouth and online in June and July. Please contact the school office for more information.*



# A Royal Reading ROCKS!

Check out these books recommended by the National Literacy Trust to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee!

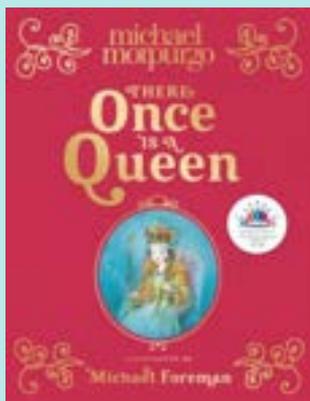
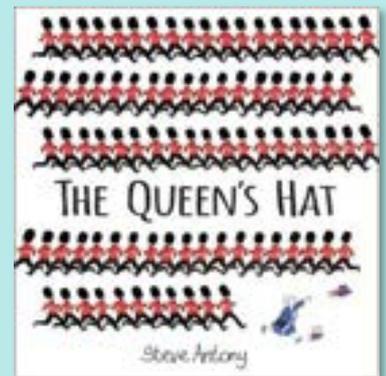


## **The Queen's Wardrobe: The Story of Queen Elizabeth II and Her Clothes by Julia Golding & Kate Hindley**

The life of Queen Elizabeth II, told through her clothes and jewellery.

## **The Queen's Hat by Steve Antony**

A sudden gust of wind sets off a marvellous London adventure for the Queen. Follow one determined, dare-devil queen through London Zoo, over Tower Bridge and up Big Ben ... just where will that hat land?



## **There Once is a Queen by Michael Morpurgo & Michael Foreman**

From the Nation's Favourite Storyteller Sir Michael Morpurgo comes a poetic celebration of our Queen and longest reigning monarch.



## **Saving the Rainforest**

Year 3 have been learning about the Rainforest. We have found out where they are located, what animals and plants are found in the different layers of the Rainforest, why they are important for the whole world and why the Rainforest is shrinking in size. Last week we all dressed in green to raise awareness of the destruction of this fragile ecosystem and to raise money for the "Rainforest Trust".

<b>Mon 6th June</b>	<b>School starts</b>
Thurs 9th June	Stay and ... (tbc) - Year 2
Sat 11th June	Tours for Foundation 2022 families
Sun 12th June	Open Gardens event
Mon 13th June	Year 4 Sports Day
Thurs 16th June	Class photos
Fri 17th June	Foundation Sports Day - 1.30pm Stay and Number Crunch - Year 3
Wed 22nd June	Year 3 Sports Day - 1.45pm
Thurs 23rd June	Year 1 Sports Day
Fri 24th June	Stay and Perform - Year 4
Mon 27th June	Year 2 Sports Day - 1.30pm
Wed 29th Jun	Stay and ... (tbc) - Foundation
Wed 6th July	Stay and Den Build - Year 1
Thurs 7th July	DASP Transfer Day
Fri 8th July	DASP LitFest
Tues 12th Jul	Meadow 3 Lulworth trip
Wed 13th Jul	Skipper 3 & Grayling 3 Lulworth trip
Thurs 14th July	Year 2 Village Show
<b>Thurs 21st Jul</b>	<b>Last day of term</b>

*Dates for  
your Diary*

### Is your child interested in learning an instrument when they move to middle school in September?

We will shortly be announcing information about our new **Tomorrow's Orchestra Programme** (TOPs); a scheme that will help **new Year 5s** to access small-group beginner lessons on violin, cello, trumpet, trombone, French horn, flute, clarinet or saxophone. The scheme will be cost £55 per term and will include 10 small-group lessons, free instrument hire and access to a beginner orchestra.

If your child might be interested, we would like to invite you to a free 'open orchestra rehearsal' at the Thomas Hardy School on Weds 15<sup>th</sup> June 5.15pm – 6.15pm. Your child will be able to watch students from the middle schools and Hardyes, rehearsing with their orchestra. It will be a chance to see and hear all of the instruments mentioned above. No booking necessary, just come through the main entrance of the Thomas Hardy School (via Queens Avenue) on Weds 15<sup>th</sup> June at 5.15pm and you will be directed where to go. We hope to see many aspiring young orchestral players there!