



Settling into School Life

Class 1 have settled really well into school life and have been making new friends. They have been having so much fun playing inside and outside and taking part in lots of different activities.

As part of our topic 'All About Me' the children have drawn and painted some fantastic self-portraits. They have also made posters and talked about their families. They have also talked about the things that they like and don't like.

In Literacy they have been learning the story 'The Little Red Hen' and have been making story maps and retelling the story with puppets.

In Maths, they have been matching, comparing and sorting objects. They have also been taking part in lots of practical activities to compare objects by size, mass and capacity.

Everyone is really enjoying being in **Class 1!**



A huge thank you to everyone who came and supported our 150 year celebration of Marden School. It was lovely to see so past, present and future members of our school community. Thank you to our wonderful PTFA for all of their hard work!

Castles/Forest Schools

Class 2 have loved learning about Castles this half term. They have learned about the different parts of a castle, the Norman Conquest of 1066 and about the people who lived in Medieval castles. They are looking forward to our trip to Goodrich Castle to immerse themselves in the daily life of a Page. The children will prepare and join in with preparations for a great feast! Year 2 have had a fabulous two weeks improving their swimming skills. We are really proud of how their confidence has improved and they have thoroughly enjoyed the lessons.

In addition to swimming, Year 2 have participated in Forest Schools. They have learned to use tools to create a conker car, made clay Green Men and they enjoyed foraging for blackberries which they then ate with apple and biscuits.

By Class 2



Swimming

Class 4 and some of Y2 children have completed their annual two weeks of swimming and were fantastic! They will receive their certificates after half term so that we can all celebrate their successes. Class 3, the rest of Y2 and Y1 will have their swimming sessions in the summer term.



Hands Up for our Planet

A few weeks ago, a man called Steve visited Class 3 to talk to us about water. He also taught my mum at Bishops High School! We played a fun game to figure out what the workshop was going to be all about! Then we imagined what it's like for people that don't have enough water. He also brought in a board with little doors in to show us where water can be found in all of the different climate areas around the world. We played with a map to figure out where drinking water is found in the world. We had a game of watery snakes and ladders! Then we went outside and imagined we lived in a village and had to collect our water from a well. He also twisted it up and told one team to move back and one forward because they had a sickness bug or found a new well to demonstrate the things that can make it easier and harder to get water. We learned lots about how to use water sensibly and appreciate the water supply we have. He was so much fun we and hope he comes back again!

By Class 3



Dates for your diary

School resumes – Monday 4th November

Tuesday 5th November – PTFA selling sparklers

Monday 11th November – Remembrance Day

Monday 11th November – Anti-bullying Week

Wednesday 13th November – Phonics Workshop (tbc)

Friday 15th November – Children in Need

Tuesday 19th November – Open Classroom 3:15pm

Friday 22nd November – Open Classroom 3:15pm

Wednesday 27th November – PINs Coffee Morning
9:15am

Friday 29th November – PTFA TUB café & Bookman

Friday 6th December – Christmas Fair ('Wear what you like' Day and bring a bottle)

Wednesday 11th December – Christmas
Performance (afternoon)

Thursday 12th December – Christmas Performance
(evening)

Friday 13th December – Christmas Jumper Day and
Rudolph Run

Thursday 19th December – Christmas Party Day

Friday 20th December – Break up for Christmas

School Resumes – Tuesday 7th January 2025

Victorian Day

As part of our 150 year celebrations of Marde School, we followed the tradition of those before us and had a Victorian Day. We arrived at school wearing Victorian dress and we started the day as a child in the Victorian times would have. We had to line up outside in height order ready for our inspection. The teachers checked our hands and nails and whether we were smart enough for school. Some children had to go and wash their hands.

We had a morning of lessons that the children would have experienced. We had to recite our times tables, practise our handwriting and read and remember poems. Then the boys and girls completed different activities. The boys did technical drawing whilst the girls completed cross stitch. We also had to go outside and stand in lines to complete drills.

We really enjoyed the day but we are very glad that our school is as it is today. The Victorian teachers were very strict and we did not fancy getting the cane!

By Class 4



Breakfast and After School Club

Please see Paula if you require childcare before or after school. Holiday club also available, please ask for dates.

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