

The White House School

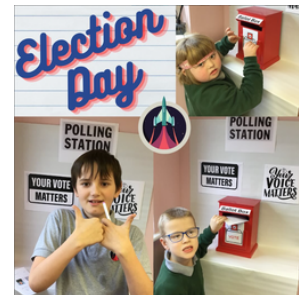
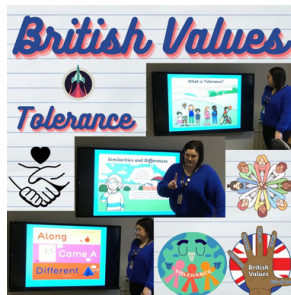
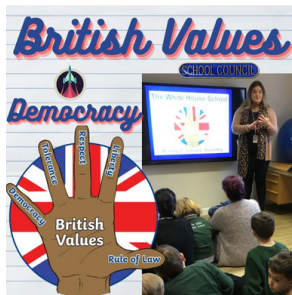


Half Term Newsletter

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British Values

Welcome to the first of our half-termly newsletters of 2024. We have placed a huge emphasis on British Values this half term and pupils learnt all about Democracy, Tolerance and the Rule of Law. We will continue these next half term as we introduce pupils to the values of Mutual Respect and Individual Liberty.



After learning about Democracy, we held a fully democratic election, as pupils voted for their chosen peer to be their School Council class representatives. It is so important that our pupils feel, and know, that their voices are heard.

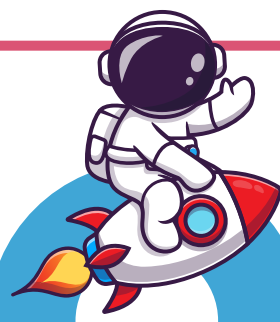
When learning about Tolerance, we read the book 'Along Came a Different', as a whole school. We completed a 'Find a Friend' activity and learnt that we each have different qualities, which make us unique. After learning about the Rule of Law we designed a set of class and school rules.



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Meet our new, and the first ever White House School, Pupil Council. They have already met twice with Miss Vinall to share their development ideas for the school.



We also introduced our Reading Challenge this half term, with pupils able to earn either a Bronze, Silver or Gold badge for the number of books they read.



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READING CHALLENGE

BRONZE AWARD

Read:

- 1 x Fiction book
- 1 x Non-Fiction book
- 1 x Poetry/Rhyming book
- 1 x Magazine/Comic
- 1 x Autobiography/Biography

SILVER AWARD

Read:

- 3 x Fiction book
- 3 x Non-Fiction book
- 3 x Poetry/Rhyming book
- 3 x Magazine/Comic
- 3 x Autobiography/Biography

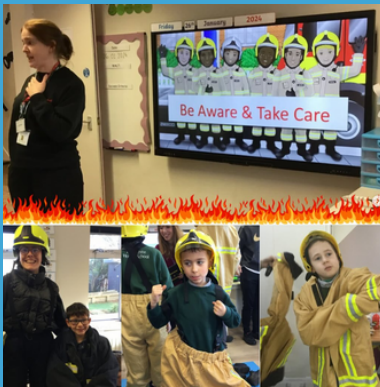
GOLD AWARD

Read:

- 5 x Fiction book
- 5 x Non-Fiction book
- 5 x Poetry/Rhyming book
- 5 x Magazine/Comic
- 5 x Autobiography/Biography

Complete each award to receive a very special star badge and a special certificate. Speak to Miss Brown if you would like to take part in the Reading Challenge. Miss Brown can provide the books for you to read for each award, if you are unsure what to read. Once you have read each book, complete a short review and return it to Miss Brown.

School Trips, Charity Events and Celebration Days



Despite it being a short half term, we have managed to enjoy lots of fun learning and extra curricular activities.

We developed our fine motor skills during National Handwriting Day and wrote beautiful fictional stories for National Storytelling Week. Our Explorers class enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Stour River Nature Reserve and we learnt how to be responsible and safe around fire, with a visit from the Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service.

We welcome Miss Knight, Miss Launder and Mrs Cutler to the staff team.



Miss Knight SLT Administrator Miss Launder Shooting Stars HLTA Mrs Cutler Astronauts TA

Dates for next half term

- Mon 19th Feb – Pupils return to school.
- Fri 1st March – Start of Women’s History Month.
- Dr Suess Day.
- Thu 7th March – World Book Day
- W/B Mon 11th March – British Science Week
- Thu 14th March – International Day of Maths
- Fri 15th March – Red Nose Day
- W/B Mon 18th March – Parent’s Evening Week
- Thu 28th March – Last Day of Term



New books for our Diversity Library arrived. Books with authors and characters of diverse abilities are a fantastic way to ensure our pupils develop a positive sense of self and explore the larger world around them.