## CROSCOMBE

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Dear Parents/Carers

<u>Shadow Puppet Film Making</u> - As part of our 'Theatre in the Playground' project, the children designed and made their own shadow puppets to be used to make a short film that will be part of a live piece of theatre. Martha, the puppeteer who ran the session, commented on the artistic talents of the children and how enjoyable the session was.

The title of the film is 'A Planet Not Looked After' and acts as a warning against pollution and waste. The final performance will be at St Paul's CE Primary in Shepton Mallet on Friday



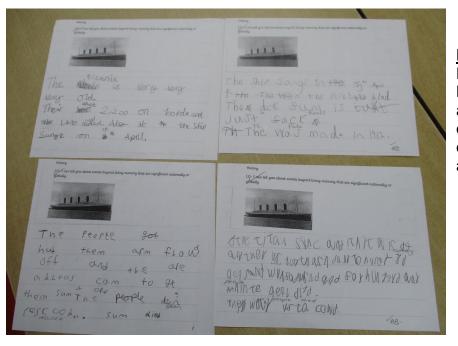
6<sup>th</sup> March. There will be a 5.00 - 6.00 pm and 6.30 - 7.30 pm performance; more information regarding tickets etc. will be sent out when we have further details.





<u>Acorns Class</u> – We have had a delivery of Kapla on a trial! It is an amazing wooden construction kit comprising of 1000 blocks which can be used to make an assortment of structures. It has a unique ratio of 1:3:5 and when placed on top of each other, gravity and balance holds the pieces in place. If the children enjoy (and the whole school will be able to use it) we are hoping FOCS would be kind enough to fund its purchase.

On the subject of design and building, we have been looking at Titanic and the disaster that happened in 1912. There was a lot of discussion in class about how and why it happened, and facts were then written down. Acorns will also be acting out the event, and with some evidence will ascertain who they think was to blame - or was the iceberg at fault? Page 2



<u>Head Teacher's Availability</u> - Mr Heath will be available next week on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and then will be at Stoke St Michael on Tuesday and Friday. Mr Moore, our senior teacher will be available as usual.



<u>Chestnuts Class</u> - This week the children in Chestnuts have been finding out a lot about what happens in a rain

forest. They have researched the animals that live there, using the information to create books. These have been sent home to complete so that you can share the learning with your children. They have also been creating their own rainstorms in music, using body percussion for the sounds and thunder. We tried to recreate the performance of rain of this choir https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BC8re5HvOGI - with fewer bodies it wasn't guite so dramatic but they had a really good go! Following this the children made their rainmaker instruments to use in future music sessions. Thank you to everyone who provided cardboard tubes.

Chestnuts Class certificates were awarded last week: Mathematics - Marina for focusing well in

lessons and making useful contributions to group discussion. **Topaz**. Writing - Olive for a great diary entry showing empathy for the character. **Ruby.** Reader – Rohan for showing much greater enthusiasm towards reading this term. Keep it up.**Sapphire. Mrs Hooper/Mrs Bloom** 

<u>**Headlice**</u> – Please keep checking your child's/childrens hair and treat accordingly. Please see attached information sheet.

**Conkers Class** – Star of the week Josh W for writing a really gripping letter from Beowulf. **Diamond/ Emerald** – (facing a challenge). Summer for working hard on her multiplication and division problems **Emerald** – (being courageous) **Mr Moore** 



**Late Dropping Off/Picking Up** - Please ensure your child is in school before 9.00 am for registration. Their attendance is monitored by Somerset County Council and late arrival will affect your child's attendance, also they are missing out an important part of their school day. Please make sure your child is collected promptly at 3.30 pm as staff, do have other commitments after school. Thank you.

**Internet Safety/Awareness** – Can we please remind parents that online gaming can sometimes put their children in contact with strangers. It is advised that primary aged children do not access these games without parents in attendance, for their guidance/safety.

<u>Ofsted Parent Meetings</u> – Please find attached notes taken from the meetings last Friday. Thank you to all parents who attended, we hope this reflects the answers given during the discussions.

<u>Friendship Rocks</u> - Keep your eyes peeled for our nature themed friendship rocks as they pop up around the local area.

If you find a rock you can take a picture and post it on Facebook/SheptonRocks.

Our rocks have a blue heart with a red border. You can either replace the rock or find a new place for people to find it; who knows where the friendship will spread to.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Heath Executive Head Teacher Croscombe and Stoke St Michael Primary Federation

## Useful Dates

24.01.2020 – Celebration Assembly 3.00 pm (school hall) all welcome
27.01.2020 - Dragonfly Leisure Multi Skills Club 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm (spaces available)
28.01.2020 – 'Bambi 'Therapy Dog visit
28.01.2020 – Fizzpop Science Club 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm (for those enrolled)
05.02.2020 – Shadow Puppet Film Making in school





