

21st January 2022

Dear Families,

It has been lovely to see the sunshine coming out this week and the children playing and learning with their friends. I had the pleasure of hearing Year 3 speaking French in their lesson on Tuesday. They were practising how to say the different seasons and I was most impressed with their French accents. All our children have weekly French lessons and are beginning to grow in confidence in their knowledge.

Evie the dog



This week, you will have received a letter introducing Evie the dog. Many schools have been introducing dogs and we are hoping to have her in school on Fridays. Children who do not have pets are able to experience looking after a pet in school, they can be used for comfort for children who may be having a difficult time and they have been used in many schools to help to develop confidence in reading - to just name a few benefits! We are really excited to be able to have Evie in school. Please read the letter which details how we will be using her and do not hesitate to contact me or the office if you have any queries.

Bikeability



Year Three and Four have been out on two wheels this week for their Bikeability Level 1 experience. The procession of bikes and smiling faces coming into school on Tuesday morning was lovely to see. The children had a fantastic time learning new skills that will



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keep them safe. At the end of their invigorating lesson (it was very cold), the instructors were full of praise for the children's behaviour and the children were trying to make me jealous of the time they had had as they had had so much fun!

Music

Excitingly, whole class music lessons have been given an overhaul! Mr Jones, our music lead, has been busy organising and ordering lots of new and fabulous equipment. The children now have access to a class set of ukuleles, glockenspiels, xylophones, violins and recorders. The teachers have already started making good use of them to provide some fantastic musical experiences for the children! The Year 6 children have loved using the glockenspiels in their weekly music lessons playing along to songs as an ensemble.



Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support this week. We continue to have many staff off and there may have been different members of staff with your children at times, but your children have been amazing. The full curriculum has taken place supported by remote learning for those children at home who are able to access. Have a wonderful restful weekend.

Best wishes,



Mrs K Southard
Head of Academy