



# Durweston CE VA Primary School

Durweston, Blandford Forum, Dorset

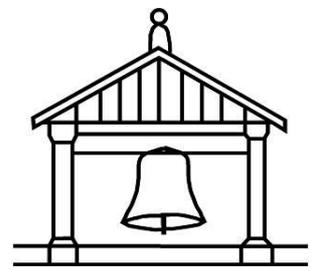
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Dear Parents,

The key worker children in Dolphins enjoyed a break in the weather on Friday for their trip to the forest with Mrs Cresswell and Mrs Jeans, who joined them for the morning. Although it only rained briefly, it was *extremely* muddy! However, after collecting wood for the fire, the children made smores and toasted marshmallows and everyone came home very happy (and only slightly smelling of smoke!)



## Week 5

It was week 5 of Lockdown 2 this week and it certainly felt like it. We have been trying to speak to all of you by phone recently to see how you are getting on, and I think it's fair to say that the novelty of home schooling is most certainly wearing off. Perhaps not the best time for a parent survey, but I sent one out survey on Friday anyway to ask your opinions on our remote learning provision. So far, everyone agrees that it is better than last time, which is good to know. Certainly we continue to be impressed with the number of children who are completing the work that is being set for them. The staff do look at all the work that is handed in and you will have seen the feedback they are giving. Please do remember that the staff in school are monitoring Google classroom throughout the day offering help, support, and advice. We all have children at home ourselves, so do understand the challenges you are facing and really appreciate all you are doing to support your children's learning.

## Reading with a Twist

Mrs de Silva asked Dolphins to send in photos of themselves reading in unusual places. There were lots to choose from but Hattie reading in the washing machine really made me laugh! You can see the others in the Proud classroom (along with Freddie's model and Ellierose's poem.)





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This week is the last before half term. You've all worked so hard, we've decided you need a well-being day. I'll be setting a few activities for the whole school that you can pick and choose from but if this happens....



...please feel free to take a snow day! (I've just copied this from the BBC site!!!!)

## Books at Bedtime

We usually hold this in school at the beginning of February, but it has been brought to my attention that World Book Day is the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021 so we're going to postpone till then.

Hang on in there everyone, things have got to get better!

Nicola Brooke

