

Colne Engaine Catch Up

Hello Summer Term!

April 16th 2021

We hope you had a lovely Easter break... what a shame the weather wasn't a little kinder to us all!

This term our classes are focusing their learning around a topic of 'Being an Imagineer'. In Oak and Willow class, the children begin the term by imagining beautiful natural environments, which involves lots of science around plants and how to grow things. Jack and the Beanstalk features largely... there is a huge Giant in the Willow classroom, making sure that everyone is working hard!



In Rowan class the children explore the science of flowering plants- this time learning all about life cycles and how plants pollinate. They will be imagining brand new varieties of plants and designing their own versions suited to different environments.

Sycamore class will further examine how living things are adapted to their environments and how evolution and inheritance has shaped the natural world. They will be imagining new and fantastic species of insects, ensuring they have all the conditions they need to thrive and grow.

And that's just the first half term!

You may remember just before the 2nd lockdown, the Vine Schools Trust asked all of their schools to send out the questionnaire below to all families.

Almost 40% of families responded and we were pleased to note that there were lots of positive outcomes, as you will see below.



Parent Carer Questionnaire - Post Lockdown.

Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My child is happy at this school	88%	12%	0%	0%
My child feels safe at this school	88%	12%	0%	0%
My child makes good progress at this school	79%	21%	0%	0%
My child is well looked after at this school	88%	12%	0%	0%
My child is taught well in school	85%	15%	0%	0%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age and skills	70%	27%	3%	0%
This school ensures pupils are well behaved	79%	21%	0%	0%
This school deals effectively with bullying	67%	33%	0%	0%
This school is well led and managed	94%	6%	0%	0%
This school responds well to any concerns that I raise	79%	15%	3%	0%
I receive valuable information from this school about my child's progress	73%	27%	0%	0%
I would recommend this school to another parent	88%	12%	0%	0%
I get enough support from the school regarding remote learning	85%	15%	0%	0%
This school is setting appropriate amounts of work for my child's age and skill	82%	15%	3%	3%
When children returned to school in September I felt satisfied about the COVID-19 precautions the school had put in place?	76%	24%	0%	0%

Thank you for sharing your feedback. We value the home/school relationship very much, as this means we can all work together to support our children to thrive.

We welcome families to be in touch and to share any concerns or worries, as we will always try to work with you to overcome any difficulties, as well as to share successes and moments to celebrate.

Don't forget - Parent/Carer Consultations with your child's class teacher next week by Zoom... please log in at specified time!



Our Learning Buddy BEN has been a great help in supporting our children to have a positive attitude and strong growth mindset.

Please find a reminder about BEN on the attached flyer.

Our WOW awards celebrate examples of learning where the children have demonstrated great learning behaviours, such as sticking at it even when it's hard, or refining their work with careful editing.

Our most recent WOW winners are Jacob, Rose, Hamish, Mariella, Jenson and Frankie – Well done!



Our ERICER Tree

As you know, our school ethos is deeply rooted in our core Christian values; Empathy, Respect, Integrity, Compassion, Equality and Responsibility. Our children are fantastic at using and recognising 'ERICER' behaviours, which they understand to be the crucial ingredients needed to 'make a difference' in the world. Our ERICER awards celebrate and acknowledge examples of kind,

compassionate and fair behaviours. One child from each class each week receives an ERICER leaf award, which is added to the tree in the hall.

Our most recent ERICER awards go to Amelie, Riley, William R, Dexter and Farrah – well done!

Diary Dates so far....

We're still waiting for Government guidance on some dates, so please be aware that some of these are provisional. There may be more opportunities too – we certainly hope so!

Fortnight beginning Monday 19th April –

Relationships and Sex Education lessons

Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 23rd April –

Parent/carer and Teacher consultations via Zoom – please book a slot when email received from Operoo.

Thursday 1st July – Sports Day – more information to follow – but fingers crossed, we can invite families to come along too!

Sunday 4th July – Sycamore class residential to Mersea for 3 nights – again, fingers crossed!

Monday 19th July – Year 6 leavers assembly – hopefully parents and carers of Year 6 will be able to attend.

Tuesday 20th July – 11am - End of Year Service in the church, followed by family picnic – we hope!
School finishes at 1.15pm

Our focus on the natural world this term fits perfectly with an opportunity that has come our way from our wonderful village. As you may know, there is soon to be a rewilding project in Colne Engaine, where an area of grass verge is left to grow naturally, to encourage insects and wild flowers to the area. We are very proud to have been asked to support this project, in providing poster designs that can be used to explain why this area is less manicured than it has been in the past. The children are very excited to be involved with this project and will forevermore claim responsibility for encouraging large numbers of bees back to Colne Engaine! Here are a few of the designs.

