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An Unexpected Discovery at Forest School

During James Lee Forest School adventure, the children stumbled across something unexpected in the natural environment: charcoal! This exciting discovery immediately sparked their curiosity, and the children were keen to investigate and work out what they had found.

One child excitedly described their discovery before calling out, "More, more, look here, more!" This led to rich conversations as the children shared their ideas, made observations, and explored their discovery together.

The children decided to bring some of their newly found charcoal back to the nursery to share with their friends. This naturally extended their learning, as they began experimenting with the charcoal as a mark-making tool. One child encouraged further discussion by asking, "What did you find?"

Back at nursery school, the children explored the different marks they could create with the charcoal, developing their fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and control while expressing their ideas through mark making.

The children's interest in charcoal has opened up a wonderful line of enquiry, and their learning will continue to be explored during next week's Forest School session. It will be exciting to see where their curiosity takes them next!

Melcombe Star of the Week!

Reception - Atinuke Class & Y1, Michael Rosen Class	Dmitry	For always trying hard in lessons and completes his work independently, using the resources around him to support his learning. Keep up the great work!
Y2 - Julia Donaldson & Y3 - Philip Pullman Class	Jinan	For being a kind, considerate and helpful member of the class. Well done Jinan!
Y4 - Roald Dahl Class	Duaa	For working hard in every lesson, challenging herself to do her very best, and never giving up when things become tricky. Well done Duaa!
Y5 - William Shakespeare Class	Avanthika	For settling into our school so well. You are a wonderful, hardworking and kind new member of our class!
Y6 - Malorie Blackman Class	Aaron	For showing great confidence when reading aloud to the class and participating in class discussions.

Bayonne Nursery children received 14 Happy Notes this week. Well done!

James Lee children received 12 Happy Notes this week. Well done!

Thames Federation Attendance Target 96%

Melcombe Primary School is 94.7% for this week.

	This week	Class	This week
Bayonne Pre-School	90 %	Melcombe Y2 - Julia Donaldson Class	95.7%
Bayonne Nursery	90.2 %	Melcombe Y3 - Philip Pullman Class	91.6%
James Lee Nursery	75 %	Melcombe Y4 - Roald Dahl Class	94.2%
Melcombe R - Atinuke Class	95.6%	Melcombe Y5 - William Shakespeare Class	91.7%
Melcombe Y1 - Michael Rosen Class	95.0%	Melcombe Y6 - Malorie Blackman Class	100%

Congratulations to Year 6MB for achieving 100%

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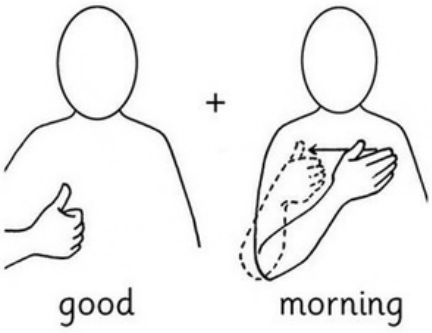

This Week's Recommended Texts

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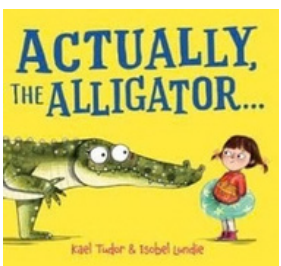

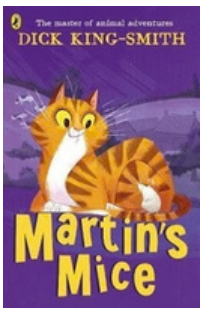

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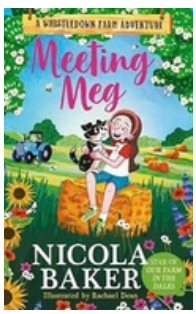

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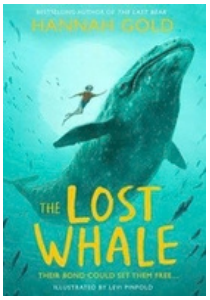

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Safeguarding Update

If you are worried about the safety or welfare of any child, you can report your concerns in the following ways: call on 020 8753 6600 or out of hours 020 8748 8588, email at familyservices@lbhf.gov.uk. Walk in to Ground Floor, 145 King St, Hammersmith, W6 9XY

UK Safer Internet Centre - Top Tips

Talk with your child about responsible use of a mobile phone.

Discuss what is okay and not okay to use their phone for. Talk about time limits and expectations of where the device can and cannot be used, this could include things like the phone being charged outside their bedroom overnight.

Contact Details

If you need to contact any of the three schools within the Thames Federation please use the following details:

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Melcombe Primary School
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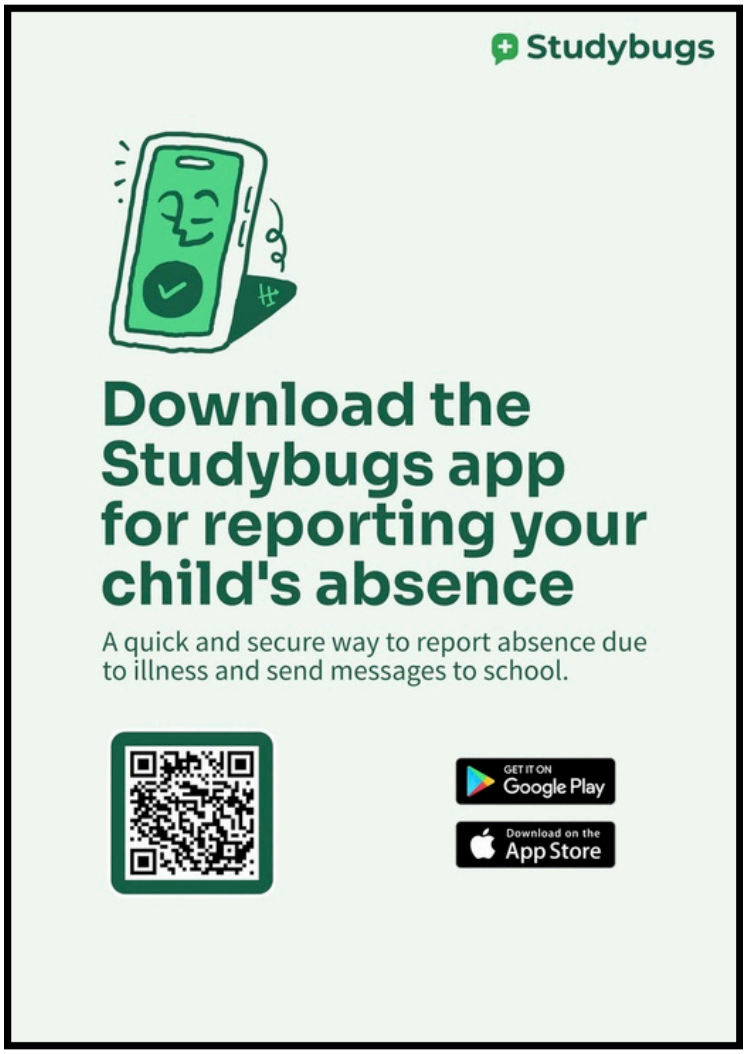
Melcombe parents please remember to use the QR code to download the Studybugs App