



GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

including Sunny Ile Pre-School



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Report to Ilminster Town Council – January 2019

After a very busy, happy and joyful Christmas we have all come back to school this month to start our new school term.

To ensure our Spring Term starts off on an enthusiastic note we again invited Life Education Wessex to bring their mobile classroom to Greenfylde for all our classes to experience lessons with their teacher, Helen who is ably supported by Harold the Giraffe (looks like a puppet but for many in school is classed as 'real'). Whilst all the lessons are fun and engaging and certainly something our pupils look forward to year on year, the messages given are actually very important and range from helping children think about how to take care of themselves, to their relationships with others and more specific learning about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. As a school we follow this up by using Life Education's PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) scheme SCARF which meets all Government requirements for PSHE including those due to come into force in 2020 and this is taught to the children on a weekly basis.

Spring term will also see us learning about Fairtrade in Fairtrade Fortnight and we have offered out our support alongside the resource bags funded by the council to all local schools and so far three schools have confirmed their pupils will be learning about Fairtrade this term. We will also celebrate World Book Day as part of an English Week (hopefully without the snow this year!) and use this to raise the profile of reading and writing with our community through the use of storytellers, visitors and visits.

After its successful launch last year we will again be running and hosting our Young Voices public speaking event in conjunction with Ilminster Rotary on the 5th March. This forms part of Greenfylde's commitment to careers education and developing life skills so that our pupils can be confident and skilled members of any future career and community and be supported to achieve their aspirations.

Parliament will be in mind as we have been fortunate to be selected for a Parliamentary Outreach assembly and this will be aimed at our Year 2s to Year 4s and our school council will have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the role of an MP when Marcus Fysh MP comes to visit and present their certificates. We also hope to arrange another question time with the Mayor for later this term as this is very popular with the children who enjoy the chance to have their thoughts and ideas listened to and their questions answered.

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