



GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

including Sunny Ile and Cygnets Pre-Schools



Report to Ilminster Town Council January 2020

Following what was a very busy Autumn term with a number of exciting events we are now looking to even more learning opportunities this Spring. To start 2020 we are thrilled that our Early Years provision has now extended to include Cygnets Pre-School which we know will strengthen our commitment to providing high quality local education. Cygnets has a very good reputation and we are proud to be able to support its further development as part of the Greenfylde family and ensure this provision is available for the families in Ilminster.

As ever, we are looking to offer our pupils as wide a curriculum as possible and wherever possible, link in to the wealth of the opportunities that are offered from our local community of Ilminster. As a school we have found that offering a diverse curriculum has a positive impact on our pupils' social and emotional development and thus on their educational outcomes.

Our annual visit from the Life Education Wessex mobile classroom was again a success and helped reinforce our commitment to children's emotional and health development. All of our children from pre-school to Year 4 had the chance of an interactive lesson in the mobile classroom and this is then followed up in weekly lessons in the school. We have been working with Life Education for the last 6 years and this has ensured we are already ready for the government's new Relationship Education which becomes statutory in September 2020.

This term will also see us involved in areas such as Fairtrade Fortnight, World Book Day which continues our theme of imagination and our annual Public Speaking competition with Ilminster Rotary which this year will encourage all our pupils to think about those who inspire their lives. So far we have nine schools taking part from across the local area and this allows us as a school to not only offer additional opportunities to our own pupils, but also support other schools in developing their offer. Number Day from the NSPCC and the annual schools' Art Exhibition at The Arts Centre at The Meeting House add to another exciting term of learning opportunities.

Above all, as a school we want to ensure our curriculum offer goes beyond knowledge and subject skills to offer the chance to develop wider life long skills that support future careers and wellbeing, hence the focus this term on areas such as those who inspire us, courageous advocacy with Fairtrade and public speaking to have the confidence to have ideas heard and debated.

If any Councillors would like to get involved in our learning opportunities or have ideas for future activities please feel free to contact me at school.

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