

Chirpy Chinnock

News from West Chinnock



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English

Year 3 and 4 have worked really hard this term and have learnt lots of different authorial techniques. This wrote some great stories which they read



Orchestra Day – Class 1

“I liked making a jungle crown and the whole day.” – Jack

“I loved finding the beats of music.” – Owen

“I loved everything.” – Jacob

“The music made my feel calm and relaxed.” – Amelia

“I loved all of the day.” – Tilly

Poem Publication

Being in a poem book is something to be proud of. Our poems are in the British Library which is a big library in London. Not all of our poems were published. Some were not creative or good enough. But they were all a great asset. Children should try to have a go at writing a poem and maybe they will be a famous poem writer, one day when they are older.

Exeter Cathedral and Synagogue

Exeter Cathedral —

A cathedral has a place where people are buried, called a chapel. The Germans wanted to blow up some of the beautiful buildings in Exeter, and they did, but before they did, there were two people who knew the cathedral very well, and they destroyed three of the main objects. A cathedral is a large, highly sacred and historically relevant building, such as in Saxony. Inside was a small shop and a large clock with a small door underneath. The front has a large stained glass window with important figures of the cathedral. Long ago, Germany wanted to destroy all the beauty of England, including Exeter Cathedral. They knew the cathedral well and told the owner to protect the most important parts. Then a few years later, when I visited, I saw a room with bomb tails. Only ten people were allowed into the chapel at a time, and there was a man who loved owls. Inside, there were



Class 1 Trip to Exeter Synagogue—

We went to the synagogue in Exeter on April 17th. We went on the coach and also visited Exeter Cathedral. In the synagogue, we saw the Jewish symbol called Star of David. We also saw the menorah. One candle is lit every day and the children get a gift every day for eight days. This happens during the festival of Hanukkah. We saw Hebrew writing on a special clock. We had to wear a special hat into the synagogue, called a Kippah, as a sign of respect.

We had an amazing time and found out lots of facts about Judaism.



Class 2 Trip to Exeter Synagogue—

It was very small and tiny. The girls have to go on a balcony so the boys can't see them. We saw the Scrolls, some were big and some were small. They are called Torah's and I loved going there.

By Molly T-W

It is a place of worship and it has the Torah's hidden behind this wall and curtain. It was a small place for the Jewish People. Unlike the Cathedral, it is a tiny place and the men had to wear a Kippah, whereas the women had a choice.

By Olivia

Forest School

In Forest School, we have been making hedgehog houses and the other things to investigate our population of hedgehogs. We have also been planting sunflowers, mint, lettuce and nasturtium. By Tamara

We have been busy this term developing the wildlife area, to increase the biodiversity of the site including providing hedgehog houses, improving the bug hotel and pond as well as planting numerous bee friendly plants.

The discovery of Newts in the pond, an endangered and amphibian species has been a significant wildlife triumphant.

Finally, this half term has concluded with everyone planting three different varieties of edible plants in pots ready for return to school. The sunflower bed is looking full and will provide a bright and cheerful display, as well as being a source of for the birds, later in the year.

Thank you to Molly TW and family for the kind donation of a wheelbarrow and spade. A much appreciated and most useful addition to the outdoor learning area.

A big **thank you** also for all the parents who contributed to a productive morning of gardening in the school grounds.

The Rainy Walk in West Chinnock

We took a walk in the village and we found out that there was a flax factory. The Muddled Man was called the Half Moon Inn and we found this out because we found the Half Moon House. We walked past various places in West Chinnock such as The Old Chapel, High Cross, Old School House, Scott's Way, The Cowstall 2003 and Weavers Cottage. It was a very wet walk through West Chinnock. There used to be more farms, and long ago there were things like mills and blacksmiths in the village, but now we have less facilities and more houses. A lot of villagers worked on farms and in the flax industry in the past, but now most people commute outside of the village to go to work.

By Florence, Lucy and Darcey



Crewkerne Museum

We learnt a lot about the flax industry in Crewkerne and the surrounding villages. We learnt how to weave and that we can also eat flax seeds.



ROCK STARS

This week, we have been learning about an inspirational palaeontologist and fossil hunter, Mary Anning. The 21st May marked what would have been her 224th birthday and, as if this were not fascinating enough, it turns out that we are fortunate to have a distant relative of the Annings at our school, Molly Turner-Welch. Molly showed us the family tree connection, tracing back through seven generations on her father's side to Richard Anning. What a claim to fame Molly!

This family photograph, featuring Mary's parents, Richard and Molly, her brother Joseph, her beloved dog Tray, her friend Henry, artist and painter, and her regular customer Mr Birch, was taken outside Mary's house and fossil shop. Mary had a lot of tragedy in her short life, coming from a poor family, losing eight siblings, her father, mother and beloved dog. This photograph might have meant a lot to Mary, to see her loved ones in one place, outside her shop. King George has even made an appearance, perhaps offering the recognition that Mary did not receive in her lifetime.

Unfortunately, there are no images or portraits of Mary in her childhood and teens, so we have to use our imaginations about Mary and her family home. Class one children certainly applied their imaginations on Monday, transforming the Wendy house into Mary's home and workshop. Ms Lefevre says:

"The children have breathed life into Mary's story, working diligently in the small, hot shed, placing tiny shells along the beams and in crevasses, scooping water from a bucket, sweeping the dusty floor. Their play offered insight into the Anning's family home, which had no running water, regularly flooded, had nowhere to toilet, cramped conditions and no electric. Like Mary, the children offer much insight. Mary Rocks! We ALL rock!"

When interviewed, those in the photograph offered:

"I'm related!!!" (Molly)

"He's smart my son and really kind to me" (Richard)

"Henry is a good artist" (Henry)

"It's a really good place to go, Lyme Regis" (Mr Birch, Auctioneer)

"Mary Anning is special. I am special" (Mary)

"Woof" (Tray)

King George declined to comment.

The Lyme Regis Museum is a fascinating place to visit and find out more about Mary Anning. Follow the fossil hunting code and watch out! Landslips can be fatal.

Footnote: Mr Birch helped Mary's family by selling off his entire fossil collection, much of which had been bought from her shop, for £400. He donated the proceeds back to the Anning family. It is also rumoured that an appropriately named Collector, Rocky, brought great custom to the shop.

Ms Lefevre and the Children, May 2023



Charterhouse

