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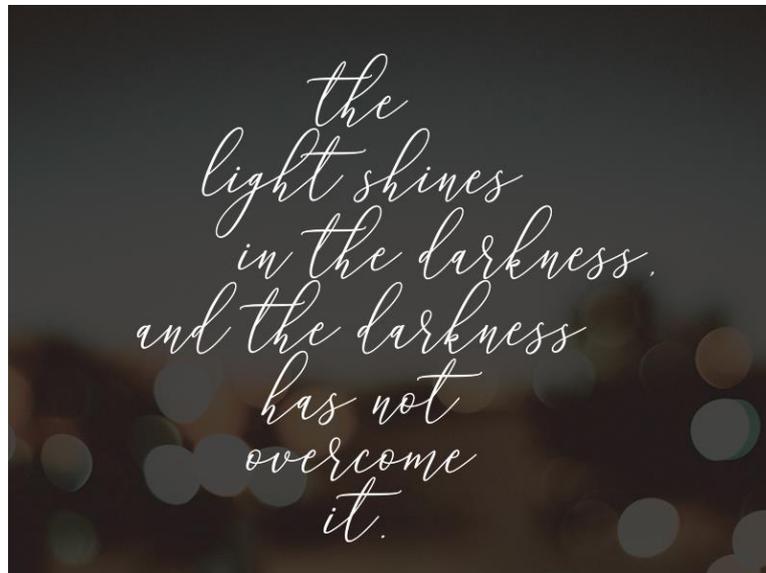
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Friday 3rd December 2021



Severn Valley Country Park

Today we went on a trip to Severn Valley Country Park. For most of the class it was their first time on a coach and for all, first time on a school trip! Ed our guide welcomed us, and we spent some time in the welcome centre looking at fossils and stone. Severn Valley Country Park has 126 acres to explore, their woodlands, meadows, streams, and ponds provided us with excellent outdoor learning space for children to get hands-on with nature.



The River Severn flows through the park, making it the perfect location for a river study session. We spent the morning walking, following the streams as they meander through the ponds down to the River Severn and on to the sea. The children were eager to share their knowledge of the River Severn. On our way around we learnt all about the park's history and other exciting information. This included, the natural spring well that the people who lived there used and the many uses of the River Severn. The children were fascinated to learn about petrifying wells. This is when, over a period of time, the flowing water petrifies an object that has fallen into the stream and gives it a stone like appearance (as can be seen in the photograph). The children also had fun learning about the mole and ant hills.



After this we stopped for lunch outside in the beautiful sunshine... we were blessed with such great weather! We saw a squirrel dray and an otter's holt and pictures of an otter than lives there. This was caught by the night camera fixed to one of the trees. In the afternoon, the children took part in pond dipping. It was so enjoyable to get hands on and learn all about the pond animals. The children



found and learnt the names of lots of unfamiliar pond animals. Ed told us that throughout the summer holidays there are lots of activities for the children to enjoy if they wish to return.

Multiplication Checks

1. Do you have a child in year 4 at primary school?

If so, your child will be participating in the multiplication tables check in June.

The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help your child's school to identify if your child may need additional support.

2. What is the multiplication tables check?

It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

3. What if my child cannot access the check?

There are several access arrangements available for the check, these can be used to support pupils with specific needs. Your child's teacher will ensure that the access arrangements are appropriate for your child before they take the check in June.

The check has been designed so that it is inclusive and accessible to as many children as possible, including those with special educational needs or disability (SEND) or English as an additional language (EAL). However, there may be some circumstances in which it will not be appropriate for a pupil to take the check, even when using suitable access arrangements. If you have any concerns about your child accessing the check, you should discuss this with your child's headteacher.

4. Do I need to do anything to prepare my child for the check?

No, you do not need to do anything additional to prepare your child for the check. As part of usual practice, teachers may ask you to practise times tables with your child.

Schools will have unlimited access to a try it out area from March. They can use this to make sure pupils have the necessary support required to access the check. This includes opportunities for pupils to familiarise themselves with the check application and try out any access arrangements that may be required.

5. How will the results be used?

Schools will have access to all their pupils' results, allowing those pupils who need additional support to be identified.

6. Will I receive feedback on my child's check?

Yes. Your child's teacher will share your child's score with you, as they would with all national curriculum assessments. There is no pass mark for the check.

Christmas Dates

Monday 13th December

Class Christmas Parties

Children can come to school dressed in something they love - no high heels though!!



Wednesday 15th December

Christmas Dinner

Get your Christmas jumpers on everyone!!

Wednesday 15th December - Playground Christmas Carol Concert

Parents, please arrive at school ready to collect your child at 2.15pm. We are holding a little Carol concert on our playground so please send your child with a good coat, hat, scarf and gloves. We will be asking that you join in too so please come dressed warmly. Children will not be released until 3pm.

Thursday 16th December

LAST DAY OF TERM!!! Pantomime morning. All the children will be watching a pantomime together online. Children can come to school in their pyjamas, fluffy socks and non-slippery slippers. Children will be given treats and fizzy drinks to celebrate breaking-up for Christmas



Return Date

Children return to school on Wednesday 5th January 2022

Parents of children with Special Needs

Please take a look at this link, it is very helpful.

<https://www.telfordsend.org.uk/site/index.php>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Telford & Wrekin Local Offer website. On the left is a yellow sidebar with a list of navigation links, each preceded by a red arrow icon. The main content area is light blue and features a welcome message, a brief description of the Local Offer, and a prompt to click on an age range. Below this are six colored buttons: 'SEND Local Offer for 0-5 years old' (light blue), 'SEND Local Offer for 6-10 years old' (orange), 'SEND Local Offer for 11-15 years old' (yellow), 'SEND Local Offer for 16-25 years old' (green), 'SEND Local Offer for All ages' (pink), and 'Find a school' (purple). The 'Find a school' button includes a dropdown menu with the text 'Choose an option' and a 'GO' button. At the bottom are two more buttons: 'Add your service to the Local Offer' (light blue) and 'Have your say - Feedback Form' (orange).

Navigation Menu:

- Homepage
- SEN Support
- Inclusive School Forum
- SEND Strategy
- What is an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan?
- EHC Needs Assessment Request Form and Guidance for Educational Settings
- Early Years
- Preparing for Adulthood
- Annual Reviews
- EHC Plan Banding Levels
- SEND Transition in Education Partnership (STEP)
- JSNA
- Fair Share Fund
- Single Route of Redress
- Special Provision Plan
- Specialist Provision Hubs
- Accessibility Strategy
- Early Years Inclusion Panel
- Mental Health Service Directory
- Parent Advertisers

Welcome to Telford & Wrekin's Local Offer

The Local Offer aims to bring together useful information across education, health and social care within one website. You can find information, advice and guidance and a range of local service providers who support children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

Simply click on the age range that applies to you, or your child if you are a parent or carer.

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