## PARK HOUSE SCHOOL







# Five Rivers. NEWSLETTER Park House





## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

The term began with a magical sprinkling of snow and a gradual shift in the seasons which allowed us to get out and enjoy the sunshine. Visits to local sites and Duke of Edinburgh volunteering complemented the academic work being done by our students. Project work this term has centred

around FORCES and PLANTS and we are looking forward to having another successful year using our polytunnel.

Physical activity continues to play an important part in our curriculum and this term has seen the beginning of our football season and the continuation of a busy PE curriculum for all.

Have a wonderful Easter break and we will see you all back for the summer term.

Sally

(Please note the Inset day below)







### **PE Sessions**



ALL STUDENTS HAVE THE
CHANCE OF AT LEAST ONE PE
LESSON PER WEEK. THIS GROUP
WORKED ON DODGEBALL SKILLS
AT TAUNTON VALE INDOOR
FACILITY AND WILL MOVE ONTO
SUMMER SPORTS NEXT TERM.

OTHER STUDENTS HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO DO BOXING, TRAMPOLINING AND SWIMMING.







THIS TERM AT FOREST SCHOOL
ALL STUDENTS HAVE HAD THE
OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A GO AT
SOFT ARCHERY, WHICH THEY TOOK
TO REALLY WELL.
OUR MAIN WOODWORKING
PROJECT THIS TERM WAS TO
MAKE A CLOCK. SOME STUDENTS
TOOK UP THIS OPPORTUNITY AND
HAVE MADE SOME GREAT PIECES.
A FEW STUDENTS ALSO TOOK THE
CHANCE TO MAKE A PHONE STAND
AS WELL. (SEE PHOTOS)

WITH THE SPRING WEATHER
FINALLY DRYING OUT THE MUD WE
HAVE ALSO BEEN COPPICING SOME
HAZEL, THIS HAS BEEN USED TO
MAKE A HAZEL HURDLE AT OUR
SUMMER FIRE SITE, WITH THE
HOPE TO GIVE A BIT OF RELIEF
FROM THE WIND BLOWING
ACROSS THE FIRE PIT.

ONE OF OUR STUDENTS HAS ALSO
BEEN EXPLORING OUR WOODLAND
AREA FURTHER AND HAS
DISCOVERED A NEW PATCH OF
LAND THAT WE DON'T MAKE USE
OF. OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS
HE HAS MADE PLANS TO CREATE A
PATH TO THIS AREA, AND A THIRD
MORE SECLUDED FIRE PIT FOR
THOSE TIMES WE WANT TO BE A
BIT FURTHER FROM OUR MAIN
BASE



# DUKE OF EDINBURGH VOLUNTEERING AT MAIDENBROOK



D OF E IS OPEN TO ANY YOUNG PERSON AGED 14-24. PARTICIPANTS BUILD THEIR OWN PROGRAMME, CHOOSING ACTIVITIES AND A CAUSE TO VOLUNTEER FOR. PARK HOUSE STUDENTS ARE **VOLUNTEERING AT OUR LOCAL COUNTRY** PARK-MAIDENBROOK THE D OF E IS STRUCTURED INTO THREE LEVELS OF AWARD WHICH INCREASE IN CHALLENGE AND DURATION: BRONZE, SILVER, AND GOLD. THERE ARE FOUR MAIN SECTIONS OF A D OF E PROGRAMME: VOLUNTEERING, PHYSICAL, SKILLS, AND EXPEDITION. AT GOLD, PARTICIPANTS WILL ALSO COMPLETE A RESIDENTIAL SECTION.







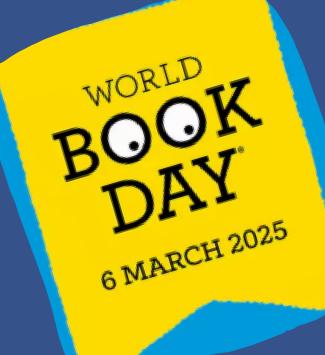












### **Read Your Way**

The theme this year was 'Read Your Way' and being able to read for pleasure. All children were given the opportunity to come to school dressed as a character or a person from a book that they enjoy reading

#### Term dates summary:

**Term 1:** 03 September – 25 October 2024 (39 days)

**Term 2:** 04 November – 20 December 2024 (35 days)

**Term 3:** 06 January – 14 February 2025 (30 days)

Term 4: 24 February – 04 April 2025 (30 days)

**Term 5:** 22 April – 23 May 2025 (23 days)

Term 6: 02 June - 23 July 2025 (38 days)

**TOTAL = 195** 

School Inset Day
TUESDAY
22ND APRIL