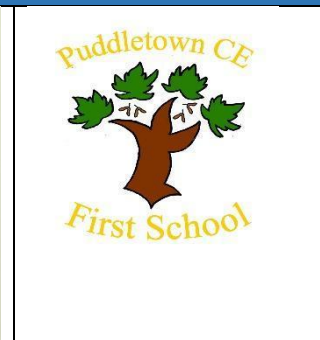
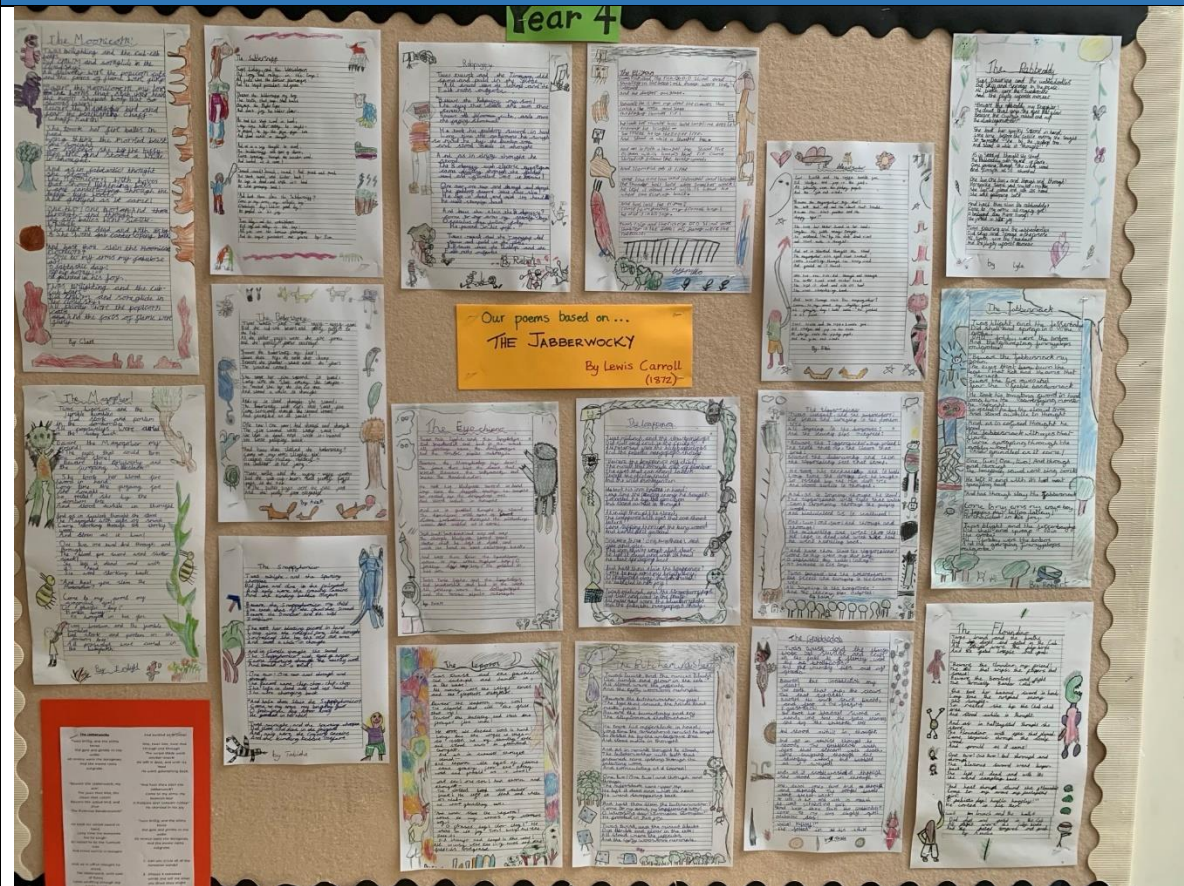


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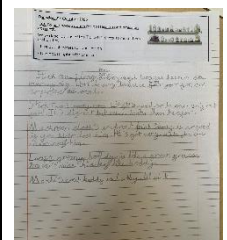
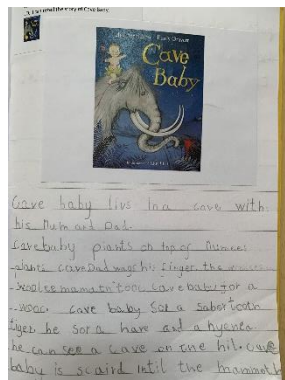
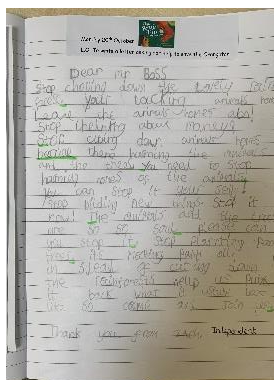
Year 4 Jabberwocky

REMINDERS

What a half term we have had! So much has happened since we returned to our new classes and started work with our new teachers. We introduced 'literacy tree' a year ago to support our writing in school. This is a scheme that uses high quality texts to engage and inspire the children. Children learn different techniques and skills with their writing over a few weeks which then culminates in a longer piece of work. I have just had the privilege of going to each class to see their amazing writing which I have photographed and displayed here. You can clearly see the progression of writing skills right from reception to year 4. The reception children are already putting sounds together to read and write whole words. It is always so exciting to see them take their first steps towards literacy. The children are really enjoying their writing and there is a real buzz around the school about it.

Label your clothing
We have a large amount of unlabelled clothing that we cannot return. Please help us to help you by labelling all your child's clothing and belongings.

School Books
Please return any school books especially our reading scheme books so that other children can use them.



We support and extend our curriculum with trips. Year 3 and 4 as part of the Dorchester literary festival, recently went to Thomas Hardy school to meet the author, Chris Smith. It was a really successful morning and inspired some of our children to go home and write their own stories. I think 'The mystery of the weird sandwiches' maybe a future best seller!

Year 3 have been to Cranborne ancient technology centre and year 2 went to Kimmeridge to support their History learning. Reception invited in the ambulance service to support their topic of 'people who help us' and we had a real ambulance park on our school field. We took the opportunity to share it with all the classes and we even got to make the lights and sirens work!

We celebrated world mental health and wellbeing day on Friday 10th October by thinking about things that made us feel happy and shared our different experiences. Each week in our worship we reflect on something we are grateful for or on a positive experience we have had that day as research has shown that doing so can help us feel more content and happier.

We really appreciate and value your interest and support in your child's learning so, thank you for your fantastic attendance at parent consultations this week. We love the opportunity to share with you, your children's learning progress and their experiences in school.

There has been a huge number of requests for termtime holidays and days out of school already this year. While we appreciate some of the reasoning behind families doing this, we cannot authorise termtime holidays and respectfully ask that holidays are taken within the nearly 14 weeks of holidays already allocated over the year.

Next half term will see us gearing up for Christmas. FOPS have already organised some lovely festive activities and welcome any support you can give to them. We are slightly changing our Christmas production this year to allow our younger children more opportunities to participate and adding in another production in the Summer term for years 3 and 4. Letter to follow with more details. Keep an eye on the school calendar for all the different events that we have lined up.

We hope you have a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing you all again on 3rd November.

Mrs Anna Seal

Head of school

