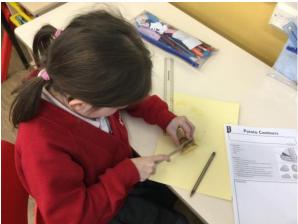


## Dear Essendon Families, Love Others

This half term our Value is Love Others. This is probably one of the most important Values we have as a school community. The Bible says "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" this is a very good rule to live our lives by. Jesus taught us that loving one another, even people we don't get along with, is really important. One way we can show this in our everyday lives is to treat others how we want to be treated. It's clear, it's simple and it makes sense for successful teamwork.

**Contour Lines** 



To explore contour lines in geography practically, the children in Harefield cut a potato 'mountain' into slices and drew around each layer to make a 2D representation.

### Winter Warmer



Making bread at After School Club, delicious!

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Friday 19th January 2024

Our Value This Half Term: Love Others

## What Is The Big Garden Birdwatch?

The Big Garden Birdwatch is the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Every year, hundreds of thousands of nature lovers take part, helping to build a picture of how garden birds are faring. How to take part?

 Get your free guide and stock up on supplies, with 15% off and free delivery on food and feeders at the RSPB shop.



• Spend an hour watching the birds in your patch, between 26 and 28

January, and record the birds that land.

• Tell the RSPB what you saw (even if that's nothing at all)! You can submit your results online or by post.

https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/biggarden-birdwatch/faqs

## **Dates For Your Diary**

24<sup>th</sup> January for 6 days – our Woodland Area is being refenced so please stay out of the woods.



5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Feel Good Week Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Feb – Safer Internet Day Tues 13<sup>th</sup> February – Shrove Tuesday/Lent 19<sup>th</sup> Feb to 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb – Half Term Tues 19<sup>th</sup> March Parent/Teacher Consultations Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> March Parent/Teacher Consultations Tue 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2:15pm – Easter Service at the Church, all welcome. Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March – End of Term

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## And Finally ...

Keep warm this weekend, get prepared for the wind and rain next week, make sure everyone has coats and outdoor shoes in school so we can all get outside for playtime and enjoy whatever the weather brings next! Have a great weekend from Ms Canham

## Your Weekend Times Table Challenge

Name:	8 TIMES TABLE QUICK QUIZ	
8x6=	8x8=	8x3=
9x8=	5x8=	7x8=
3x8=	8x4=	0x8=
4x8=	8x1=	8x8=
1x8=	2x8=	5x8=
5x8=	8x10=	8x2=
8x8=	8x0=	8x9=
8x7=	10x8=	3x8=
Date	Score	



# Taking part is as easy as 1, 2, 3

Count the birds you see in your garden, from your balcony or in your local park for one hour between 26 and 28 January 2024. Use the tally boxes on the next page to count and record the birds you spot. Transfer your count to the results form. This chart shows some birds you might see. You may see others, if so record those on the results form too. Where we don't show male and female birds, the sexes look similar, but are

not always identical.

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Following these simple rules makes it easy to count the birds you see. Only include birds that land, not those flying over. Count the highest number of each species you see at any one time, otherwise you could count the same bird twice. For example, if you saw a group of eight Starlings but then towards the end of your hour you saw six together, record '8' as your final Starling count.

Go online and tell us what you saw at www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch

Submitting online is quick and easy and it means we can spend more on saving nature as it reduces our costs. Whatever you saw – even if nothing at all – please tell us. The more results we have, the better the picture we will be of how garden birds are faring.

If you are unable to submit your results online, please complete and send us the print-from-home form.

# Helping you make your Big Garden Birdwatch count

#### Get involved on our social channels

Throughout the Big Garden Birdwatch long weekend, you can join in the conversation on our social channels. See what other nature lovers are spotting across the UK and you can upload pics and comments about your Birdwatch. Go to **#BigGardenBirdWatch** 

#### Get ID tips and expert advice

You'll find lots of advice on identifying birds by sight and sound, as well as expert insights into garden wildlife at www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch

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# Essendon C of E (VC) Primary School

## Term Dates: 2023/2024

### Autumn Term - 2023

Friday 1st September – **INSET Day –** staff only Monday 4th September – Start of term for pupils – 8:40am doors open, doors close at 8:50am Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October – Half Term Wednesday 20th December – End of Term - 1:15pm

### Spring Term - 2024

Thursday 4th January – Occasional Day – School Closed Friday 5th January – INSET Day – staff only Monday 8th January – Start of term for pupils Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February - Half Term Thursday 28th March - End of Term – 1:15pm

#### Summer Term - 2024

Monday 15th April – **INSET Day** – staff only Tuesday 16th April – Start of term for pupils Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday Monday 27th to Friday 31st May – Half Term Thursday 11th July – Year 6 Secondary School Transition Day Friday 19th July – End of term - 1:15pm Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July – **INSET Days** – staff only