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To all Parents/Carers,

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Following on from last week...

There are a number of different studies out there which discuss happiness and what helps children to have positive mental wellbeing. However, one study in particular actually spent a considerable amount of time asking children from three different countries what they thought it meant:

“What constitutes a ‘good day’ for children was very simple: time with those they love (friends, family and even pets); creative or sporting activities; being outdoors and having fun. These were spontaneously mentioned by almost every child we interviewed in all three countries. Across the three nations there was a distinct lack of material possessions in children’s descriptions of a good day; it was people, and not things that made them happy.”

Y1 children in the Forest Area this week...



I don't think any of this comes as a huge surprise but I will be asking the School Council to carry out a similar type of project so that we can make Markeaton an even better place to be! I'll keep you posted on how that goes.

In other news, you were sent an email last week regarding the potential closure of Derbyshire Library Service (plus a consultation questionnaire for you to fill out). Should this valuable service close the impact on our curriculum will be huge. All year groups, from Reception up to Y6, use the library service to order artefacts (like those on the right), books and other items to support and enhance their topics. For example, Years Three and Four are learning about the Vikings this term and they have managed to loan lots of great resources for a very reasonable price. This is something we use all year round and we need to find a way to save it!



And finally, there appears to be a few more cars (see below) trying to park on the yellow zig-zags in the morning. It seems busier than ever out there so please try to find a parking space elsewhere – that includes dropping children off in the middle of the road!

YP07 EBO BMW 116
FU64 CYA Citroën C1
VU07 UCX Citroën Xzara

Have a great weekend and remember to check the website for other handy links and advice. In a few weeks Leigh Timmis, a round the world adventurer, will be joining us for an assembly! <https://www.leightimmis.com/>

Mr I. Johnson