

# Weekly Word

## Care Curiosity Determination



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, what a difference a week makes! This time last Friday we were covered under a blanket of snow and the children were out on the field having an absolute blast! Although it's been cold this week, perhaps not the same level of outdoor excitement!

Speaking of the outdoors, in the coming weeks children in KS2 (Y3 to Y6) will be introduced to a new personal development initiative designed to encourage outdoor exploration and build personal experiences in a manageable way. Don't worry, KS1 (Y1 and Y2) will be rolled out soon, it's just not quite ready yet 😊

As part of this initiative, each child will be offered a set of 20 outdoor-based activities to engage with across the academic year. These activities do not cost a penny and are intended to gently encourage children, particularly those who may prefer spending time indoors, to get outside and try something new. **Participation is entirely optional** and children are not expected to complete every activity.

We will no longer be using the previous, 'Personal Development Passport'. If your child chooses to take part in any of the activities, they are encouraged to take a photograph as evidence and upload it to Showbie. Some photographs may be shared during assemblies in order to celebrate participation and inspire other children to get involved.

Some activities may be completed during the school day. In these cases, children will be able to take a photograph in school to use as their evidence.

Please note that a selection of the activities will require adult supervision. Children will be made aware of this during their induction to the initiative.

This is not a competition. The aim is simply to build on children's personal experiences, support their wellbeing and encourage them to explore and enjoy the outdoors at their own pace. With this new exciting outdoor venture it also seems apt to share these two links (both interesting reads):

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.eaction.org.uk/raise-the-age>

[How does Australia's under-16 social media ban work? - BBC News](#)

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr I. Johnson

Thank you to Mr Roome (and Stay on the Ball) for our new all in one rainproof suits in FS2!! They came in handy last Friday!

