All of our children are again learning about how their community works, how towns, cities and nations operate focusing on planning, finance and paying taxes (maybe some of our MPs should be discussing this topic with out children!). The older children are learning about imports and exports, GDP and how people in different countries have differing amounts of disposable income. Alby, Cora, Rebecca and Branden had a 'drive through' MacDonald's then wowed an audience of about 200 including CEO's from Procter & Gamble, Barclays, J P Morgan, the Echo and HSBC. These children represented the whole of region's younger participants. They were brilliant. Well done all of you.

We continued our work with Marianne and Rachel with a visit to the bluebell woods in Milborne. I brought my mum over to see them last weekend. How lovely for you that they are so close. The children had a wonderful time and, being part of this programme are learning so very much.

John and Sarah started a gardening club at lunchtime and loads of children joined. Sarah managed to acquire lots of vegetable plants and last week the children began planting. John introduced them to the plants explaining what they will be when they are 'big'.

Years 3 and 4 are learning about signs and symbols in RE and to begin our topic we visited St Martin's church. The visit was so moving when Rebecca took all her pals to her granddad, Tom's, grave. The children sat around him and drew his stone so carefully while Rebecca told them all her lovely memories. How lovely is that.