

Pioneer Scouts Report

A year in the life of Pioneers!

April saw a very successful expedition challenge for 2 groups. They set off across the north downs for a 2 day expedition that the groups planned and navigated themselves. They also had to cook for themselves and pitch their own tents.

We had the most fantastic evening put together by our young leaders seeing the scouts racing around Rustington and Littlehampton in their patrols.

We also had our homeless sleepover. The scouts constructed shelters and slept out in the church hall carpark after visiting a local soup kitchen.

In May we visited Woodhouse Park in Bristol with Frontiers for our summer camp. We had an action-packed week including surfing, canyoning, hiking and of course the scout Olympics!

The summer term saw the Pioneers making sandcastles, bike riding and hiking and finishing it all off with a summer party on the beach.

The autumn term included a visit to Littlehampton fire station followed by further work at the hall towards their fire safety badge. We had a troop forum allowing the scouts to feedback ideas for what they would like to see in their programme for the next term.

In October we set off on another camp! We visited Broadstone Warren where the scouts undertook crate stacking and archery followed by hiking and orienteering and a how well do you know your leaders quiz.

We created our own version of cluedo that was played live in the hall. As well as a firework hike and more badge based evenings.

The Pioneers also entered 2 teams into the district cooking competition and won first place bringing home the Battered Billy Trophy!

Christmas saw us preparing for our Christmas party making Christmas crackers, snowflakes and paper chains. We said a sad goodbye to 2 of our leaders Ade and Rebecca at our fancy dress Christmas party. We also had a few visitors from county to join the celebrations.

Pioneers welcomed 2024 and started work on our you shaped badges. We had a 4 week rotation where each group enjoyed an evening of cooking, air rifle shooting, navigation and planning their own nights. Each patrol hosted their own night over the next 4 weeks where they got to be leaders for an evening. They were so imaginative and a lot of fun!

Congratulations Pioneers, we have had a fantastic year handing out 8 gold awards and a whopping 265 badges!