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Dear Parent/Carers,

As we reach the end of the first term, I would like to say a very big thank you for all of your wonderful support. Having your support makes a big difference not only to your children, but to all of the teaching and support staff. It has been so nice to be able to welcome you all into school for Children's Progress Meetings this term; I do hope that you found them a positive experience and that you were able to see the progress that your children have made in their new year groups. It has also been great to feel the buzz around the school every morning during the last week of term with families joining us for reading sessions in the mornings- the children tell us that they enjoy having you with them.



The next term will be a very busy one. We have lots of trips planned with visits to the library and a number of curriculum trips taking place. I am really proud that we are able to offer trips for free because they do make a very big difference to your children's learning. In addition to trips, we have various visitors booked to come into school delivering workshops and assemblies before the countdown to Christmas really begins.



Please remember that for children in Year 6, the deadline to apply to secondary school in 31st October and for children starting Reception in September 2025, applications open on 15th November. If you know someone who has a child starting Reception, please do tell them all about us and encourage them to come and have a look around.



For now, have a lovely half term and we look forward to welcoming children back to school on **Tuesday 5th November.**



Best wishes

Mrs Claire Jones

Dates for your Diary

Monday 4th November
Non Pupil Day

Tuesday 5th November
First Day of Term 2 for children
Year 6 to take part in a 'Safety in the community' workshop with Plymouth City Council

Wednesday 6th November
Year 4 to take part in a Babcock STEM workshop
Year 6 History trip to the Tamar Bridge Visitors Centre
Year 5 to take part in Personal, social and emotional themed creative workshops with Razzamataz Plymouth

Thursday 7th November
School Council to attend Remembrance Service

Tuesday 12th November
Year 4 Geography trip to Plymouth City Centre to the Barbican and Plymouth Hoe
Year 6 to take part in a 'Safety in the community' workshop with Plymouth City Council

Thursday 14th November
Year 3 and Year 4 visit to Efford Library

Friday 15th November
Children in Need Day- children invited to wear Pudsy accessories (ears, badges etc. with their school uniform (no mufti please)

Monday 18th November
Year 5 visit Efford Library
Wildlife Champions to meet Sustrans Plymouth

Tuesday 19th November
Year 6 to take part in a 'Safety in the community' workshop with Plymouth City Council

Monday 25th November
Year 1 and Year 2 to visit Efford Library

Tuesday 26th November
Year 3 Geography trip to Tavistock and Horrabridge

Friday 29th November
Treat Friday

CLASS UPDATES

Class RSC

WOW – What a first term it has been in Reception! The children have settled brilliantly and have made a wonderful start to their Reception year! They have formed lots of friendships and completed some wonderful learning around their topic 'Marvellous Me!'. This term, the children have been inspired by artist Andy Warhol, and they have created some incredible works of art. In phonics, the children have established excellent routines, learnt lots of new phonemes, and are starting to blend to read words! What amazing progress in just seven weeks! They have also enjoyed developing their understanding of numbers in Maths, as well as enjoying PE and Music lessons. Thank you to everyone who attended our 'Teddy Bears' Picnic'. It was a wonderful opportunity for our new reception families to get to know one another and to spend time together sharing stories. We hope you enjoyed it! Please remember to sign up to Tapestry. Tapestry is an easy-to-use and secure online learning journal helping us capture and celebrate your child's learning and development. Thank you to everyone who is reading at home and recording this on Boom Reader. We hope you have a lovely half term!







Class 1MM

Year 1 have worked incredibly hard this month across all areas of the curriculum. In computing they have been learning about staying safe on the internet and how to add a text and draw on the chrome books. In History, we learnt how the dinosaurs became extinct, and impressed Miss Marchant by independently recalling facts learnt throughout . In maths, we focussed on the part-part whole model and used this to find fact families. We also found our number bonds to 10! We have all worked super hard during our phonics and reading practice sessions, trying to read with a greater fluency and using expression to make it more interesting! In art, we've loved learning about the different artists that have used colour, shades and tints. We used these inspirations to create our own masterpieces! Enjoy your well deserved half term year 1, well done!

Class Updates

Class 2RB

October has been a fantastic month of learning in 2RB! The highlight for all of us was of course our History trip to Morwellham Quay. It was fantastic to see all of the children make connections with things they have learned in the classroom, as well as learning lots of new things about the Victorian era too. In other areas of learning, the children have enjoyed our Science lessons on Humans, where we have learned about exercise, food, hygiene and teeth. In our PE lessons, the children have been practising the skill of skipping using a skipping rope. They have shown lots of determination in these lessons! As a class we have been enjoying reading Night Flight in our whole class reading sessions, as well as The Enormous Crocodile in our spare time. Well done for a brilliant month of learning, Year 2!



Class 4JL

We were blown away with some incredible facts about the Roman Empire this month as the children took what they have been learning in History and applied their knowledge to create some amazing non-fiction texts in our English lessons. The children used some great adjectives to describe the tactical and strategic manner in which the Romans swept across the land to conquer everything in their sight! We have been very impressed with the progress that we have made in our PE lessons and we have seen some great skill development in hockey. Children have been using open stick tackling, push passes, flat side dribbling and some great attacking and defending to participate in small team games. More impressively, we have been working on sporting behaviours such as shaking hands after competing and thanking the opposing teams. The children have done themselves proud, it is not always easy to do this, especially if we lose! We are working hard on our 3x and 4x tables. The use of Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) has been good, but we would love to see the children using this at home even more! Thank you 4JL, keep working hard!







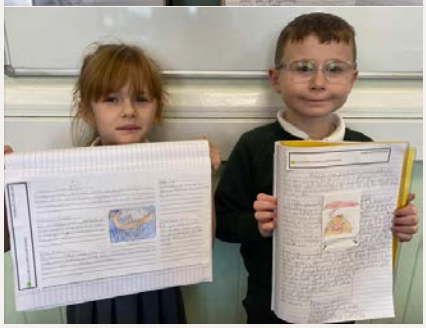
Class 5AW

This month we have been really enjoying our explosive English instructional writing. We have been following instructions we have written for different experiments to aid our writing skills making sure our instructions are clear and easy to follow. In Maths, we have been challenging ourselves to work with square, cubed and prime numbers - the numbers are getting bigger! Our computing lessons have given us the opportunity to design a webpage and grade it upon different search criteria to see if it would potentially appear at the top of a Google search! In PE we were able to put into practise all of the skills we learned throughout the term as we played netball matches against each other, demonstrating excellent team work!

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Class 3CL

This month, Year 3 have particularly enjoyed their P.E. lessons, where they have been learning lots of fundamental skills like running, jumping and hopping. They have enjoyed working in teams to improve their skills and they especially liked using chalk to draw a hopscotch on the playground to help them when learning how to hop. In Maths, we are halfway through a tricky addition and subtraction unit and this week, the children have been learning to add and subtract when exchanging. Despite us finding this tricky, we have stayed positive and all tried our best! We are now coming up to the end of our English unit linked to 'Dare to Care: Pet Dragon'. The children have learnt about different types of conjunctions and clauses and have started independently using these to write an advice page about how to care for a Pet Yeti. Year 3 will now have the opportunity to write about an animal or mythical creature of their own. Stay tuned to see their final published work! We have been so impressed by how well Year 3 have retained their knowledge of skeletons in Science and this week, they continued to demonstrate this when learning about muscles and joints. Year 3 enjoyed learning about a variety of different joints (including the ball-and-socket and hinge joints) and muscles in the body and particularly liked using post-it notes to mark these on their partners. Next week, we will start learning about the importance of a healthy diet. Mrs Hughes has been very impressed with 3CL's excellent oracy skills in French this month. They have been learning how to say hello, to ask simple questions and to recognise different colours in French. Très bien Year 3!









Class 5MT

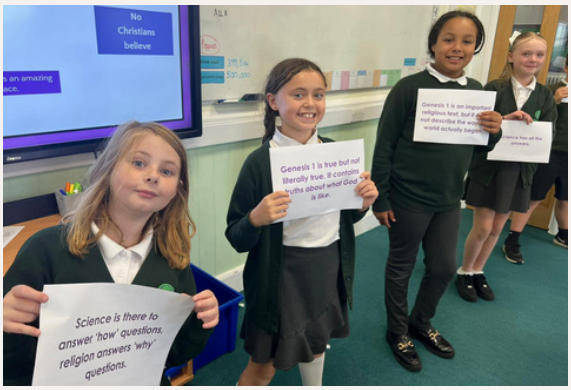
5MT have really enjoyed being creative in art this term with clay. We have created and painted some Egyptian inspired masks while learning some new techniques to improve our 3D modelling. In maths, we loved learning about cube and square numbers. Making them from cubes to understand the concept and applying mathematical calculation to larger numbers. Meanwhile, our English has been inspired by an awesome book called 'Incredible Edibles which is full of weird recipes and fabulous experiments. It was great fun trying to make rockets fly using acidic substances and foaming elephant's tooth paste with bi-carbonate of soda. It has inspired our children in their writing to produce witty precise instructions. We have also finished our netball unit with a shooting competition and a mini tournament to use our new found skills (which we are also using during playtime whilst playing hand ball).

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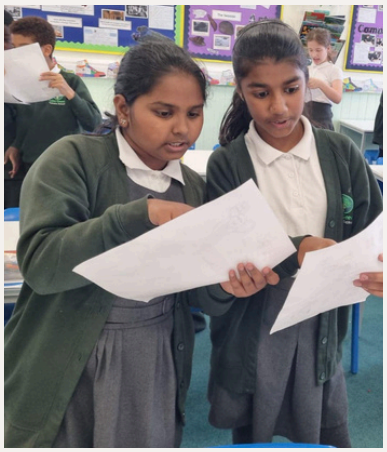
Class 6LS

We are so proud of how well the children of 6LS have settled into their learning - showing super concentration and willing to take on new challenges. One of our favourite parts of this term appears to be our art lessons - which have had a focus on 'under the sea' inspired art. We have just made our clay models - which show great care and attention to detail - and are now waiting for them to dry. They really do show all the skills that the children have learnt through their time in school. French has been another lesson where the children have shone out. we have learnt how to talk about our favourite subjects in school (and those we don't enjoy quite as much) and this has cumulated in composing an email to a friend to tell them all about school. In maths, we have learnt many different ways to complete calculations - ensuing that we have a range of options to use when faced with a challenging calculation to solve. These are just a few of our highlights - there are so many to pick! .











Class 6LG:

6LG have continued to demonstrate determination in their learning this term! In English, we have been inspired by a non-fiction text, 'Stuff you should know', to write our own explanations about how everyday objects work, including hairdryers, dishwashers and air fryers! During our Science lessons we have worked hard to categorise different living creatures, including plants, animals and microorganisms. We have been enjoying sharing books during our 'Book Club' sessions and recommending new titles to each other, and particularly enjoyed the opportunity to visit Efford Library as a whole class! During our RE sessions we have explored the relationships between the Genesis creation story and the Big Bang Theory, and discovered how the beliefs of different Christians may combine the two. In PE, we have worked hard to combine all of the volleyball skills we have learned over the term - including digs, sets and serving - to play short games, with a lot of teamwork.

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Books to help children to branch out...





These Branching Out booklists and posters are designed to help readers find their next favourite read after finishing a particular series or children's book they love. We understand how difficult it can be to know where to start looking for a new book to read, especially after finishing a series or book that you have been deeply invested in. These posters showcase a range of books related to popular series and titles, making it easy for you to children to find their next read. Ms Bailes, our school Librarian is always happy to help children browse our Library selection and we can order books in that children request.

boom reader

Please remember to log all reading on Boom Reader. This helps us to know what your child is reading and when they are ready to quiz or change books.

More news

Reading Leaders

We are delighted to present our newly appointed Reading Leaders! The children will support our younger children's reading by listening to readers and promoting reading across the school. Our reading leaders all demonstrated a love of reading through their applications and we were proud to have them taking on such an important role!





Junior Librarians

We are also delighted to present our newly appointed Junior Librarians! During their interviews, the children had to complete a task which involved organising the books in the library. This was very important because our librarians will assist Ms Bailes in organising the school library and helping children to find and return books. They will also be responsible for selecting the books for the library from the Schools' Library Service.



We would like to say a very big 'thank you' to our fabulous PTA who have bought a brilliant boat and two new friendship benches for our Key Stage Playground. Thank you for always supporting their fundraising ideas.





SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES IN TEMPORARY HOUSING

Thursday 14th November, 4-5.30pm
Plymouth Central Library

Support and advice available (including grant applications) from Barnardo's Family Hubs and Shelter

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School Council Update





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School Council has also been very busy organising the upcoming Remembrance and Children in Need activities in November. All classes have been busy making poppies for the Poppy Wave which will be displayed at Plymouth Council House. We have also been writing a poem for the upcoming Remembrance Service at Efford.

The children have already organised a sponsored bootcamp with Mr Lethbridge and a colouring competition to raise money Children in Need (there may even be a secret special visitor joining us... watch this space!)

It's time to apply









Is your child starting school in September 2025?

Applications open on Friday 15th November

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FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS

HERE ARE FIVE TOP TIPS TO KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ON BONFIRE NIGHT

Do not let children play with fireworks. Rockets and sparklers are very dangerous. If your teens want to use sparklers, make sure they keep them outside and away from their face, clothing, and hair

If you can, go to an organised fireworks display. If you do your own display make sure you have read all the safety instructions and never let children handle or light fireworks

Store fireworks in a safe, sturdy and childproof box and keep it away from children at all times. Fireworks always need handing with extreme care

Always ensure children are supervised at all times. Never let a child pick up a used sparkler or unlit firework.

Make sure children aren't wearing loose clothing. Always have water or a fire extinguisher handy

A Month in Pictures



















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