

Spring Term Newsletter No.3 (24.1.20)

Vision reminder: ***We want ourselves and the children in our care to be successful, resilient and inquisitive learners who are happy and well-equipped to participate positively in the community and wider society.***

Curriculum News

The Chinese New Year (Year of the Rat) has been the inspiration for some of the learning recently. Look in the [Arts Blog](#) to see how Year 1 have been mixing up Art and Maths with the Chinese New Year. Today, our Reception classes showed off their songs and masks with a colourful parade to their families. Look in the [SMSC Blog](#) to see these. Also, look in the [SMSC Blog](#) to see the excitement of the *Sleeping Beauty* show and some special staff dancing.

If you would like your child to get involved in Radio 2's 500 word writing competition, you can find more details about it in our [Writing Blog](#) thanks to Miss Pritchard. The deadline is 27th February.

Read the [Maths Blog](#) to see how Year 3 used skittles to help learn about fractions this week. There are some new puzzles this week involving matchsticks! Challenge yourself with some of these problems to train your maths brain at home! You can find them under '[Home Activities January 2020](#)' in the Maths Blog. Take your solutions to Miss Wooldridge at playtime on Friday 31st January.

Supporting at Home in the Younger Years

With reading being such a fundamental life skill, we are putting a lot of work into early reading in school. Part of this is our new phonics scheme, *Read, Write Inc*, which is mainly for use in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Mrs Turner is running parent workshops on Tuesday 28th January and Wednesday 5th February straight after school for you to find out more and how you can help at home. Ideally please return the slip sent out today or just turn up on the day. Also, why not come and learn about how to solve addition and subtraction questions in Year 2 with Mrs Turner's parent workshops being held this coming Monday, 27th January at 9.10am and again at 3.15pm. Thank you very much to Mrs Turner for running these. Working in partnership between school and home is invaluable so please do take advantage of these opportunities.

Science Homework Project (11.3.20)

Advance notice that Wednesday 11th March is the day for children to bring in their science homework projects. Our friends from Dunboyne Court will be joining us again to review the children's work. In the autumn term, the theme was History and children who completed a project enjoyed a shared lunch and the afternoon discussing their work with the adults from Dunboyne. This time we're hoping more children will choose to get involved and share their scientific talents. It's a voluntary homework project and anything scientific goes. There are no constraints. We want children to get creative and enthused for science as part of the Science and Engineering Week when there will be lots of other activities going on.

Staying Safe

Check out the [Staying Safe](#) Blog on the Well-being in Action page to find out about Year 2's and Year 5's fire safety work with the local fire brigade.

National Safer Internet Day is approaching on 11th February. We'll be raising the profile of this in school with a competition during this week. As a parent it is often really hard to stay up to speed with what your child's doing in the on-line world so, [click here](#) for a link to some useful parenting resources.

You may recall back in November we worked with the charity, *Bullies Out* to support our work on positive relationships. If you are interested in further advice from *Bullies Out*, they are back in South Devon next month. On 29th February they will be in Paignton library. There will be crafts for the children, advice for adults and more. Remember they don't just help bullied people but also the bully and the bystanders.

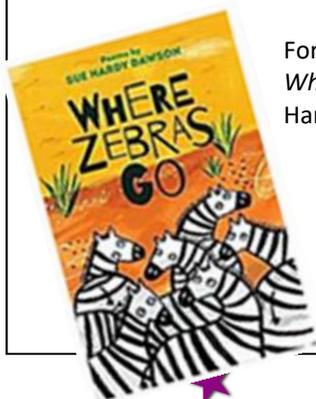
Half Term Activities

If you are interested in some cheap Forest School activities at half term, have a look in our [Supporting Families Blog](#).

Parking and Driving Challenges at Drop-off and Pick Up—Polite Prompt Again Please

Due to the continued challenges faced by neighbours and parents (as well as the dangers to children) I have requested the support of PCSOs. I'm also receiving reports of fast and dangerous driving which is clearly an accident just waiting to happen. Please look out for the PCSOs in the near future as they will be out and about, helping to keep us all safe at busy times of the school day.

Miss Palfrey and the Reading Ambassadors' Weekly Book Choices



For our older readers:
Where Zebras Go by Sue Hardy Dawson



For our younger readers:
The Adventures of the Wishing Chair by Enid Blyton

Weekly Attendance Award

Congratulations again to **Holly Class** again for winning the School Attendance Award with  **100%** attendance. School target: 96% The whole school achieved **97.7% last week**

Stars of the Week

Elm	Charlie and Hayden have been real Try-a-tops this week and have enjoyed exploring a new experience. Charlie was confident and took part in the Pantomime as an actor and Haydon has been to learn sign language in a small group with Mrs Saunders. Well done.
Ash	Ethan - for being a 'stick-o-saurus' and not giving up with his writing this week! What a star! Darcy - for being a super 'shareonyx' and helping her friend to make a chinese lantern in such a kind and supportive way.
Beech	Gabriella - for really taking responsibility for her learning. Her written work has improved so much and I can see she is listening to feedback and making her work better each time!
Pine	Evie W for her amazing concentration and effort in writing tasks this week. She has truly challenged herself to produce her best work. Well done Evie.
Oak	Eryn- for always looking for ways to improve her learning and for thinking carefully about her word choices when writing sentences for a story. Great attitude to learning Eryn- Well done!
Apple	Ines for listening carefully during lessons, taking in any ways in which she can improve her work, looking at any fix-its after her work has been marked and learning from them. A fantastic effort Ines!
Birch	Theo - For your fantastic fractions in maths this week. You have been super aspirational and have picked up all of the methods very quickly! Well done!
Rowan	Nate- for being an incredibly enthusiastic learner and consistently challenging himself, particularly in maths
Cherry	Ruby for her wonderful work ethic. She shows great concentration throughout all lessons and completes tasks given with enthusiasm and aspiration. Well done Ruby.
Maple	Logan- for taking greater responsibility for his learning, ensuring he is on task and making positive behaviour choices in the classroom. What a fantastic week Logan!
Willow	Charlotte is always a fantastic role model in school but this week she has particularly stood out for her excellent effort in Maths! Well done and keep it up!
Holly	Lucy - for making such a great effort to stay focussed on tasks this week and challenging herself to complete them on time. She has worked hard. Well done Lucy.
Hazel	Ollie - for going the extra mile in everything this week. I'm so impressed with your aspirational effort and enthusiasm and how you've tried things which are out of your comfort zone. What a brilliant week Ollie!
Hawthorn	Reuben- for his wonderful energy and enthusiasm. He has pushed himself to put maximum effort into all aspects of his learning, and his aspirational attitude has made all of his teachers feel proud of him!

Mon 27.1.20	9.10am and 3.00pm—Maths workshops for parents in Year 2
Tue 28.1.20 & Wed 5.2.20	3.00pm—Phonics workshops for parents in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Wk beg 2.3.20	Year 6 Residential / Activity Week
Wed 4.3.20—Mon 9.3.20	Book fair in the library after school
Thur 5.3.20	World Book Day—further details to follow about a theme
Wk beg 9.3.20	Advance notice: parents evenings will be held this week Science and Engineering Week—lots of whizzing and popping coming up
Wed 11.3.10	Science homework fair supported by our friends from Dunboyne Court. Click this link for more info.

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