

A note from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, it was not quite the end to this half term that we expected! Over 310 schools shut today in Devon, the safety of our children and staff is always paramount and we thank you for your understanding. Looking out of the window today I think we made the right decision! I hope that you have managed to stay safe today and haven't had too much debris flying about in your gardens!

We are hoping it will be third time lucky for our Year 3s after their Kent's Cavern trip was postponed, they are looking forward to visiting after half term!

The children in Key Stage 2 had such a fantastic time skateboarding this week with TEAM RUBICON, despite the weather. Thank you to Mr Davis for re-arranging the days. It is great for the children to try out new skills and a good use of our PE premium money.

We successfully launched our new Federation and school website this week and I hope that you have had a chance to explore all it has to offer. A huge thank you to Mrs Catling and Mrs Singer for the many weeks they have spent fine tuning the content. We are very pleased with the new look and hope it becomes your simple to use, one stop shop for school information!

We have a Parent Forum meeting scheduled for 31st March but we need parents and carers to join the forum! So far this year, we have only had two parents come forward. If you're interested in getting involved, please see the Parent Forum page on the website (under Parent Information) for full details, and get in touch with admin to register your interest.

It's World Book Day on 3rd March and we invite children to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. I am looking forward to seeing who turns up to school that day, previously, we've seen all sorts; from Harry Potter and Hermione, to the BFG and Mog the cat!

Have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 28th February.



Mrs V Fenemore, Executive Headteacher

DIARY DATES

W/C 28TH FEBRUARY 2022



Saturday 19th Feb	<i>Deadline to book school meals and before school club sessions for week commencing 28th February</i>
Monday 28th Feb	Gate opens at 8.45am and will shut promptly at 8.55am so that children are in class ready to start their learning at 9.00am Staggered finish times—these apply every day to ease congestion 3.20pm Owls, Year 1, Year 2 and older siblings in KS2 3.30pm Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 Deadline for final instalment towards Year 5 Skern Lodge Residential Deadline for 2nd instalment towards Year 4 Escot Residential PE lessons today: Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 3.30pm-4.30pm Chess Club with Mrs Gent 3.30pm-4.30pm Year 5 PE/Multi Sports Club with Mr Gillard
Tuesday 1st March	PE lessons today: Owls, Year 5, Year 6 2.00pm FOWS Meeting in School Hall 3.30pm-4.15pm Year 2/3 PE/Multi Sports Club with Mr Slocombe
Wednesday 2nd March	Tempest Photography—Class Photos PE lessons today: Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 3.30pm-4.30pm Year 4 PE/Multi Sports Club with Mr Gillard 3.30pm-4.30pm Year 5/6 Football Club with Mr Davis/Mr Walter
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day —children are invited to dress up as their favourite character from a book Deadline for payment towards Owls Class trip to Rosemoor Exmoor Zoo to visit Year 3 (<i>funded by cancelled Lyme Regis trip</i>) PE lessons today: Owls, Year 3, Year 4 3.30pm-4.30pm Year 3/4 Cooking Club with Miss Parsons
Friday 4th March	PE lessons today: Year 1, Year 5, Year 6 3.30pm-4.15pm Year 6 PE/Multi Sports Club with Mr Gillard

Emails sent this week: Year 1 Home Learning Suggestions. Year 6 Spellings 14.02.22. Data Collection Sheets—Final reminder. Change to Skateboarding Workshops. Guided Reading/Phonics Update for Owls. Year 5 Spellings 16.02.22. Year 6 London Residential—Payment Reminder. Postponed Year 3 Trip to Kent's Cavern. School Closure Friday 18th February 2022. Home Learning and New Website Guide.

LITTLE WOODLANDS

NEWS FROM THE NURSERY



Well so much for bringing waterproof clothing in!!! I know they say that there is no such thing as 'bad' weather just 'bad' clothing but I think Dudley and Eunice beg to differ!!! The weather put pay to our plans for den building outside this week. But this has not deterred us. The children have been busy constructing The Lost Boy's den inside, complete with jungle animals and tropical trees. We squashed and squeezed clay between our fingers to make 'Lost Boys' faces, adding match sticks, feathers, and cutting in eyes and a mouth to bring them to life. Monday was Valentine's Day and the children enjoyed playing with frozen love hearts and gloop. They made Valentine's Day cards and talked about special people in their lives. Our circle time focus this week has been kindness and how we can work together to solve conflicts and construct friendships. They have been working together to make dens and tidy up. We are so proud of them.

As I look out at a very dark sky I am looking forward to next half-term when we will start to see those first signs of early Spring emerging. Our topic for the half-term will be 'Growth and Change'. Our concept is 'evolution' and we will be learning about the extinction of the dinosaurs and moving on to life-cycles of mammals, amphibians and insects. We are keeping our fingers crossed that the weather will become warmer and that we might just be able to grow butterflies once again. The children were fascinated by this last year.

If any of you are out and about over half-term and spot some frogspawn or if you are lucky enough to have your own pond containing some, could we ask you bring some in for us when we return?

Stay safe everyone and have a fantastic half-term. We look forward to seeing you on the 28th February.



THE LEARNING ZONE

SHARING OUR LEARNING AND A MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS



Owls Class—Mrs Bourner

What a fantastic end to this first term Owls have had this week. They have loved making their own sock puppets inspired by our maths story from last week 'Simon Sock', and thoroughly enjoyed creating their own stories with them!

This week our Maths focus has been adding together two sets of numbers. The children have loved playing a range of dice games and are using their maths vocabulary well to describe and explain what they can see. ***I wonder if you can play some maths games over half term involving dice. Can you tell what number you have rolled without having to count the spots? Can you play a game where you have to roll two dice and add the numbers together?***

In phonics the children have looked at double letters and have become detectives looking for digraphs and trigraphs within words. ***Can you be sound detectives over half term Owls?***

As part of our PSED work, the children learnt about ways to stay safe online with the help of a number of familiar characters from some of our favourite fairy tales!

In P.E they had a lovely time dancing to Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite, inspired by a book we have in class.

I hope you have a wonderful half term break Owls and look forward to seeing you all again after the holiday.



THE LEARNING ZONE

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Year 1—Mrs Betts & Mrs Rowcliffe

Happy Friday everyone! I hope that you are not too disappointed to get an unexpected day off.

Year 1's have worked hard this week. In English, they have been writing some lovely letters to and from Mother Goose based upon the book Dear Mother Goose by Michael Rosen.

In Maths, the children have been looking at counting in 2s and 5s using a number track. They had to find the missing numbers to complete their track going both forwards (greater than) and backwards (less than).

Music this week introduced the children to the funk style of music, and although, some children said they were not keen, they still managed a little dance to Tower of Power 'Diggin on James Brown'. I think they all secretly loved it!

We would like to take this opportunity of congratulating the children on the progress they have made over this half term. They have all worked incredibly hard and their progress demonstrates this. We are very proud of their mature attitudes towards their learning and cannot wait for them to return to school, so that we can continue to support them. We hope you have a fabulous break.

Year 2—Miss Jones

We have come to the end of the half term and it really has flown by.

In English we have started our new sequence of learning called this is how we do it. We read the books and responded to it with likes, dislikes, patterns and puzzles. We then looked at some new vocabulary from the text and exemplified it. In maths we have been exploring statistics.

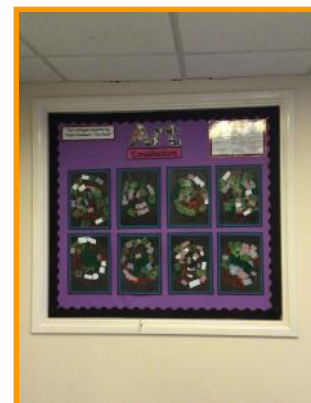
We have created our own tally charts and pictograms by collecting data in class. We used our knowledge of counting in 2, 5 and 10 to interpret data.

We finished our Science unit on materials and used our knowledge to design a water bottle, thinking about the appropriate materials and their properties.

We also created our own maps and included a compass and relevant key.

In Art we evaluated our collages and were all really proud of the outcomes. It's been lovely to hear the children share their home learning in class.

Keep up your reading Year 2 and have a restful half term break.



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Year 3—Mr Slocombe

Year 3 have had a superb week! They coped maturely with the news of our trip being postponed and we look forward to that next half term.

We have come to the end of our sequences in English and Maths. We have written a brilliant persuasive letter to Sunny from Meerkat Mail. We have learnt about bar charts, tables and tallies in maths alongside pictograms.

We finished our learning about magnets in Science and explained whether magnets would attract or repel.

We described the UK in Geography and thought about what might attract visitors.

The children had a fantastic time skateboarding yesterday and enjoyed learning new skills. Have a brilliant half term and stay safe! See you next week!



Year 4—Miss McLean

It's been another fantastic week in Year 4 this week, the highlight being our skateboarding session on Thursday morning! It was wonderful to see everyone getting involved and helping each other to improve their skateboarding technique.

In English this week, we have come to the end of our sequence based on the focus text 'Blue John' where we learnt to write a detailed description of the story setting using similes and expanded noun phrases. We thoroughly enjoyed choosing our own settings and then characters that corresponded with them.

In Maths, we have also come to the end of our learning sequence on multiplication and division. After half term, we will move on to a short sequence on area followed by fractions and decimals.

In Geography this week, we made a list of all the natural resources that we considered essential for survival. We explained the uses of each resource and where they come from.

It has been fantastic to see so much reading at home this week! Please remember to keep this up over half term, I look forward to hearing about the books you have been reading when we get back. Have a wonderful half term and stay safe!



THE LEARNING ZONE

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Year 5—Mr Walter

We have reached the end of another term and this week Year 5 have been working hard as ever. In English we have been using modal verbs and adverbs of possibility to indicate the certainty of certain events happening from our focus text of Tuesday by David Wiesner. This sequence will carry on for the first week after half term.

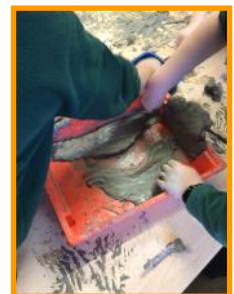
Maths this week has seen us use various concrete and pictorial methods to show how to manipulate mixed number fractions by adding and subtracting. We have applied the need to ensure we have followed each step to find our answer.

Mrs Gent and I were so impressed with the artwork in the style of African artist TingaTinga, we added colour to our landscape to create a clear foreground and background while incorporating a silhouette. I look forward to seeing these on display next term.

On Wednesday, the class turned into a clay mess! In groups we had the challenge to make the foundations of a river and identify the key features. We then poured water onto our design to see if our river would form and flow.

Finally, we all really enjoyed Team Rubicon attending and teaching us once more about skateboarding. It was fantastic to see everyone giving it a go and supporting each other.

Have a safe and restful half term everyone.



Year 6—Mr Davis



Although the half term has been cut a day short, Year 6 have ended it brilliantly. They really enjoyed their skateboarding session with Ryan from Team Rubicon. They practised some new tricks and I was proud to have the coach come and complement the class on their behaviour during the session.

In English, we have practised using pronouns, determiners and subordinating conjunctions to improve the cohesion of their writing. They have then applied these skills, as well as the other grammatical techniques we have revised, to an extended piece of writing. The children were tasked with rewriting a section of Harry Potter from a different character's point of view.



In Maths, we finished our teaching sequence on fractions, decimals and percentages. Year 6 have been using the inverse operation to find missing percentages and working backwards through problems where they have a specific percentage and have to calculate the whole.

In Science this week, Year 6 have learnt about arthropods and looked at the specific features of this phylum. We also discussed the common misconception that insects are actually arthropods.



Finally, in RE, we have considered Scientific Creation Theory and what the similarities and differences are between this creation theory and the Judeo-Christian story.

I really hope you all have a great break and look forward to seeing you after half term.



SPRING MENU



Week One	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Barbecue Chicken	Cottage Pie	Roast Turkey and Stuffing	Pork Sausages	Cod Fish Finger
Served with...	Rice and Sweetcorn	Broccoli	Roast Potatoes and seasonal veg	Creamed Potato and Baked Beans	Golden Fries and Peas
Option 2 (V)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V)	Quorn Cottage Pie (V)	Vegetable Bites (V)	Vegetarian Sausages (V)	Vegetable Fingers (V)
Served with...	Potato Wedges and Sweetcorn	Broccoli	Roast Potatoes and seasonal veg	Creamed Potato and Baked Beans	Golden Fries and Peas
Jacket Potato of the Day	With Baked Beans and Salad (V)	With Cheese and Salad (V)	With Tuna and Salad	With Cheese, Baked Beans and Salad (V)	With Cheese and Salad (V)
Dessert of the Day	Ice Cream	Chocolate Shortcake	Yogurt and Fruit	Flapjack	Yogurt and Fruit
Week starting:	10/01/22 ~ 31/01/22 ~ 14/02/22 ~ 28/02/22 ~ 21/03/22				

Week Two	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pasta Bolognese	Butter Chicken	Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding	Sausage Casserole	Cod Fish Fingers or Salmon Bites
Served with...	Garlic Bread and Peas	Rice and Naan Bread	Roast Potatoes and seasonal veg	Creamed Potato and Broccoli	Golden Fries and Baked Beans
Option 2 (V)	Quorn Pasta Bolognese (V)	Macaroni Cheese (V)	Broccoli and Cheese Bake (V)	Cowboy Pie (V)	Quorn Dippers (V)
Served with...	Garlic Bread and Peas	Garlic Bread and Salad	Roast Potatoes and seasonal veg	Creamed Potato and Broccoli	Golden Fries and Baked Beans
Jacket Potato of the Day	With Cheese and Salad (V)	With Baked Beans and Salad (V)	With Tuna and Salad	With Cheese, Baked Beans and Salad (V)	With Cheese and Salad (V)
Dessert of the Day	Fruit Salad	Cornflake Crunchie	Yogurt and Fruit	Choc Chip Shortcake	Yogurt and Fruit
Week starting:	17/02/22 ~ 31/01/22 ~ 07/03/22 ~ 28/03/22				

Week Three	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Sausage Roll	Chicken Korma	Roast Gammon and Pineapple	Beef Lasagne	Chicken Nuggets
Option 2 (V)	Vegetarian Sausage Roll (V)	Quorn Korma (V)	Vegetarian Roast (V)	Quorn Lasagne (V)	Cheese and Bean Wrap (V)
Served with...	Potato Wedges and Baked Beans	Rice and Naan Bread	Roast Potatoes and seasonal veg	Garlic Bread and Carrots	Golden Fries and Peas
Jacket Potato of the Day	With Cheese and Salad (V)	With Baked Beans and Salad (V)	With Tuna and Salad	With Baked Beans and Salad (V)	With Cheese and Salad (V)
Dessert of the Day	Yogurt and Fruit	Chocolate Shortcake	Yogurt and Fruit	Arctic Roll	Yogurt and Fruit
Week starting:	03/01/22 ~ 24/01/22 ~ 07/02/22 ~ 14/03/22 ~ 04/04/22				

FOWS FUNDRAISING



FOWS NEWS

Email: f.o.w.s@outlook.com



FOWS are a small friendly committee who run events during the year to help provide the school with additional funds.

Would you like to join the committee and help us raise funds for the school?

We operate largely through a messenger group, supplemented by meetings before large events. You can be as involved as you want to be, there is absolutely no pressure to attend every meeting or every event, but if you are free to help out at all, we would love to see you! Email f.o.w.s@outlook.com if you can spare any time to help out.

EASYFUNDRAISING:

Please consider choosing us as your Easy Fundraising group. Every time you shop online with a participating retailer, Easy Fundraising will channel a donation from that retailer into the FOWS account, at no cost to you.

Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk to find out how or email FOWS.



Come along to our next committee meeting – in school on Tuesday 1st March at 2pm – we'd love to see you 😊

Upcoming events – SAVE THE DATES!

Smarties Tube Challenge - Half Term Activity – look out for your tube of smarties coming home with your child before half term.



Mother's Day Shop – in school - 25th March

– an opportunity for your child to buy a gift of their choice.



Bags for School clothes collection – 19th May

www.bag2school.com

Easter School Disco 8th April – 4pm – 5.30pm

More information on all these events to follow. All dates/events subject to change.

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