

Winkleigh Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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A note from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that the spring term is over! I am not quite sure where it has gone! As always the children have worked incredibly hard despite the disruption COVID has caused this Term. We hope we can come back in the summer term to some sort of normality. A huge thank you to parents for all their support over the term, it very much appreciated. Thank you also to our amazing staff team who work so hard to provide so many exciting opportunities for our children and have stepped in to cover classes / roles where needed.

This week all staff across the Federation took part in PE training with Mark Troman from Primary Sports; they really enjoyed it and sharpened their cricketing skills!

This week Year 5 and 6 spent the day at Ultimate Adventure in Bideford. From all accounts it was a fantastic day, if not a little chilly and windy. They had a great time on the water assault course, everyone gave it their all. They also experienced the rope courses, I think at times some children apparently went backwards on the ropes due to the wind! There were certainly lots of smiles when the children arrived back.

Year 4 visited Haven Banks this week and had great fun dragon boating on the River Exe and taking part in lots of team building activities, again lots of smiles when they returned. A slightly warmer day for them thankfully! Thank you to Mrs Rowcliffe who stepped in at the last minute to run the trip due to staff illness

We really are so proud of our school and all the exciting opportunities that we are able to provide. This term as a school we have visited Rosemoor, Paignton Zoo, Quince Honey Farm, Exeter Museum and Cathedral, Kents Cavern, Haven Banks, Ultimate Adventure, enjoyed World Book Day, had visitors in such as South West Water, Exmoor Zoo and Health Professionals. Year 5 also had their residential to Skern Lodge which is such a great experience for them.

Thank you, as always to the Friends of Winkleigh School (FOWS) for their amazing fundraising efforts which allow us to subsidise trips and experiences for our children. Your contributions are very much appreciated by staff, children and parents.

Take a look at the [Community news on the website](#) as it contains local clubs, holiday events and sporting activities for your information.

We wish everyone a restful Easter break and look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 25th April.

Best wishes,



Mrs V Fenemore, Executive Headteacher

DIARY DATES

W/C 25TH APRIL 2022



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| Saturday 16th April | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Deadline for Year 6 London residential—8th instalment</i> |
| Monday 18th April | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Deadline for Year 3 Camping residential—2nd instalment</i> |
| Saturday 23rd April | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Deadline to book school meals and before school club sessions for week commencing 2nd May</i> |
| Monday 25th April | <p>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</p> <p>Staggered finish times—these apply every day to ease congestion</p> <p>3.20pm Owls, Year 1, Year 2 and older siblings in KS2 3.30pm Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 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 ◆ <i>Deadline for Year 3 Rosemoor Trip Consent via Gateway</i> |
| Tuesday 26th April | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ PE lessons today: Owls, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 ◆ 3.30pm-4.30pm Year 1/2 MultiSports Club with Saints Southwest ◆ 3.30pm-4.15pm Year 3/4 Rounders Club with Mr Slocombe ◆ 3.30pm-4.30pm Homework Club with Mrs Gent |
| Wednesday 27th April | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ PE lessons today: Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 ◆ 3.30pm-4.30pm Games & Social Club with Mrs Gent ◆ 3.30pm-4.30pm Year 4 PE/Multi Sports Club with Mr Gillard ◆ 3.30pm-4.30pm Year 5/6 Team Sports Club with Mr Davis & Mr Walter |
| Thursday 28th April | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 3.30pm-4.30pm Year 3/4 Cooking Club with Miss Parsons |
| Friday 29th April | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ PE lessons today: Year 1, Year 5, Year 6 ◆ 3.30pm-4.15pm Year 6 PE/Multi Sports Club with Mr Gillard |
| Saturday 30th April | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Deadline for Year 4 Wildwood Escot residential—4th instalment</i> |

Emails sent this week: Phonics Update for Owls w/c 4th April. Little Wandle Phonics & Guided Reading. Bus 29 Late. Reading at Home (Y2). After School Clubs—Booking Deadline. Year 3 RHS Rosemoor Educational Visit. Year 3 Spellings Summer Term. School Buses Late Tonight. Year 2 Spellings 08.04.22. Year 5 Spellings.

LITTLE WOODLANDS

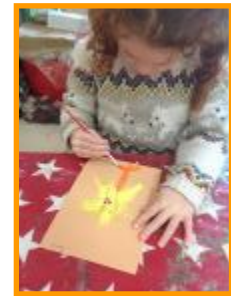
NEWS FROM THE NURSERY



This week has been the final week of our 'growth and change' topic. We have learned many things over the past 6 weeks. We began with the development of dinosaurs from their gigantic eggs, learning the differences between herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. Then we moved on to look at the life cycles of amphibians, insects and mammals and finally the development of chickens within their eggs and how eggs tie in to the Christian celebration of Easter, promoting new life and growth.



Over the past week we have enjoyed partaking in a range of Easter based activities from designing funky chicken pictures using a fork to marbling our Easter cards using shaving foam and food colouring, and melting chocolate to make chocolate nests. We have had lots of fun.



On Tuesday we looked for signs of spring as we walked up to the church in the village. We spotted daffodils, cherry blossom and primroses along the way. Inside the church we noticed the Easter story was depicted in the stained glass windows and saw lots of crosses and Christian symbols in the church yard.

We were very excited to discover that our caterpillars have completed their life cycle and have transformed into beautiful butterflies. We have released them into the top garden.



A huge thank you to Stanley B and his Mum for bringing in chicks to show us today. We couldn't believe how small and fluffy they were!

Have a fantastic Easter break. See you all week beginning 25th April when our new half-termly topic will be 'Happy and Healthy'.

Mrs Roadnight and the staff team



THE LEARNING ZONE

SHARING OUR LEARNING AND A MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS



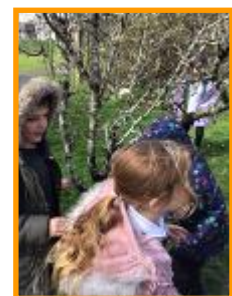
Owls Class—Mrs Bourner

Well where has that term gone? I cannot believe this is the last week of the Spring Term and that we will soon be heading into the Summer Term! Once again, the children have been so busy working and having fun in Owls Class this week.

Our focus for Maths has been 'patterns' and the children have had fun looking for, and making repeating patterns with shapes, natural objects and also paint! They have made linear patterns and patterns that go round in a circle with no obvious start or finish, and have also made patterns with sounds and their bodies. As part of our phonics work the children have been looking for digraphs, trigraphs and double letters within words as well as looking at the different sounds made by some letters. What great writers some of the children are becoming, using their phonics skills too. Well done Owls, keep up your hard work.

As part of our work on traditional tales, the children thoroughly enjoyed making their own gingerbread characters this week and were very pleased that they got to eat their gingerbread men, women, chicks and Easter rabbits before they hotfooted it out of the oven! The Spring Term would of course not be complete without a visit from the Easter Bunny on Thursday which the children were very excited about! They worked so well as a team to collect as many eggs as they could find (hidden in some very tricky places!) and shared them out fairly and kindly.

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break Owls, and that The Easter Bunny pays you a visit at home. Don't forget to log onto our new e-books online using the codes in the front of your reading record books during the break. The books that you have been reading in class this week will now be ready for you to access and read at home to your families. Have a wonderful holiday and we look forward to seeing you back at school in the Summer Term.



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Year 1—Mrs Betts & Mrs Rowcliffe

We've had an incredible last week of term! The children have worked super hard. They've used their measurement knowledge and skills to bake and make this week. First they were making Easter Nests and thinking about why we celebrate Easter. Then, we were thinking about Thomas Farriner (The Great Fire of London) and his important job of being baker to the King of England, so we had a go at baking and made bread rolls. I hope they were delicious to eat, as they smelled so yummy!

We've also had various maths challenges throughout the week involving measurement, place value and addition and subtraction. We have come to the end of our English unit and are now creating our own poem based on the Train Ride. Earlier in the week we took a journey around the school and stopped to look at things on the way. We have used photos to sequence our journey and these are helping us to create our poetry. In History we explored the Great Fire of Crediton in 1743 and talked about the similarities and differences between that and the Great Fire of London.

It's lovely to see so many of you now logging on to the e-book system to access the reading books. This will help enormously to embed all the fantastic work that they've been doing in class with their phonics. We are so proud of the progress that Year 1 are making in phonics, so please keep supporting them to be fluent and successful readers.

Great job Year 1, I look forward to seeing you all after the Easter break. Don't eat too many eggs!



Year 2—Miss Jones

We have made it to the end of term and it's been a very busy week!

We have loved learning about our focus story The Dragon Machine in English. Great predictions were made and the children responded to the text in the form of likes, dislikes, patterns and puzzles. On Thursday we discovered that there were some naughty dragons spotted in our school! We all produced fantastic humorous warning posters with a range of sentence types and descriptions. They were truly a joy to read!

In Maths we completed our learning about shapes. We explored faces, edges and vertices this week before sorting 3D shapes and making patterns. As it is the end of term lots of our foundation subject lessons were assessment based. We all did a super job at completing our booklets and it was great to see what the children have learned this term.

On Friday we made our roly poly toys which was a great way to end the week. In DT we have been planning and designing our toys and we were all very excited to finally make them.

Well done everyone for your hard work this term! I hope that you all have a lovely Easter break.



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Year 3—Mr Slocombe



I can't quite believe it is the end of term! It has certainly been a busy one in Year 3 and this week has been no exception!

We have drawn to the close of most of our sequences, completing our final assessment tasks and showing how much fantastic knowledge we have!

In History, we have discussed the changes and innovations during the Stone, Bronze and Iron age. We have drawn all of our learning from Year 3 and Key Stage 1 together in science and discussed that different animals have varying diets. We have shown our knowledge of healthy eating, as well as the role of key organs in the body.



We wrote instructions for making our hats in D&T and discussed how we could care for our learning environments in PSHE.

In RE, we considered different festivals that we knew about from Christianity, Islam and Judaism and made comparisons between them. We have completed our teaching sequence in writing, with the children writing their interview with an animal of their choice.



In Maths, we have found fractions of amounts, shapes and objects, and counted in fractions on number lines. We will be continuing with this unit after Easter.

I am so proud of how hard all the children have worked this term! Have a fantastic, chocolate-filled break, I look forward to seeing you all after the holidays! Mr Slocombe

Year 4—Miss McLean

In Year 4 this week we have been looking at creative writing and have started writing our own quest stories, thinking about the challenges our characters have to overcome.

In Maths we have continued our work on fractions. We have come to the end of our sequences in both Science and RE, investigating sound and exploring the meaning of Good Friday.

On Thursday, Year 4 had a fantastic day at Haven Banks, Dragon Boat racing and team building—see more from our day on page 11 of the newsletter.

Have a fantastic Easter holiday—don't eat too much chocolate!!



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Year 5—Mr Walter

Year 5 have had another busy week to finish the spring term. In English, we have been looking at rebuttals and how they work in presenting a debate. Additionally, in maths we have continued to look into the use of thousandths in decimals and comparisons to percentages.

We finished off our design and construction of our Viking longships in DT. Whereas in computing we had a go at setting up a microcontroller circuit by using algorithms and conditions to make various components work. It was also great to see everyone participating in an orienteering themed Easter hunt on Tuesday.

Finally on Wednesday, we had a great day joining Year 6 at Ultimate Adventure. Even though the weather wasn't great there were plenty of happy faces throughout.

I hope everyone has a fantastic Easter break and I look forward to seeing everyone on the other side.



Year 6—Mr Davis

We have reached the end of the Spring term! During our final week, the children have finished the Harry Potter teaching sequence by writing their own untold story from the Wizarding World and applying all of their refreshed and new grammatical knowledge to their writing. I have been particularly impressed with the way they have written their dialogue - including a less formal register and even Hagrid's accent.

We finished the week by baking our own Pumpkin Pasties using a more seasonal butternut squash. Maths this week, we have continued learning about the areas and perimeters of rectilinear shapes before moving on to the properties of triangles.

In History, we finished our sequence on the Shang Dynasty by learning about the Battle of Muye and how the dynasty came to an end in a brutal yet symbolic way.

This week, the children took part in the rearranged Ultimate Adventure trip. I would like to say that their behaviour off the school site was immaculate and the instructors said that, with such well-behaved children, we would be welcome back at any time. Thank you to the children for their hard work this term.

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break and return refreshed and ready for the Summer!



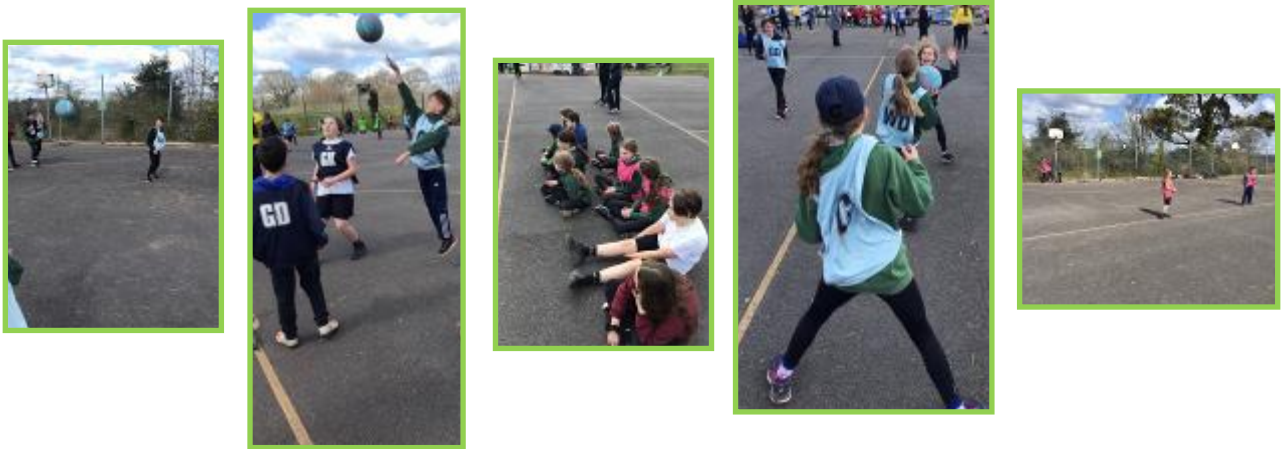
YEAR 5 & YEAR 6

NETBALL TOURNAMENT / PE MENTORING



Last Friday, Mr Walter and Miss Harvest took 3 teams to QE...

...For an inter school netball tournament run by the schools Year 9 students. The teams were set into groups and had the opportunity to play 4 group games each. It was a great experience to see the mixed teams competing in high five positions and working as a team against other schools. After the group games, two of our teams went against each other, which resulted in an entertaining game. There was a lot of great netball played throughout the whole day, alongside smiles of enjoyment. Well done to everyone.



The remaining children from Year 5 and 6 worked with Mr Gillard, Mrs Gent and Mrs Pridham to plan a sporting festival for Owls and Nursery children. We have done this previously and the older children have loved being involved with organising the event, and our younger children have benefited from working with the Year 5s and 6s whilst developing their PE skills.



YEAR 5 & YEAR 6

ULTIMATE ADVENTURE



Year 5 and 6 had a fantastic time at Ultimate Adventure on Thursday!

There were splashes, laughs and shivers. Mr Walter, Mr Gillard, Mrs Gent and I were so impressed with the children's efforts, bravery and resilience when trying new challenges and pushing their own limits. The water challenges in particular required a great deal of courage - it was freezing. After lunch, we headed to the climbing park and the children tried their hand at climbing both high ropes and traditional climbing walls. They did very well - especially considering the strong cold wind! I am also pleased to announce that the team of instructors said that we were welcome back any time as the children's behaviour was so good! Mr Davis



YEAR 4

HAVEN BANKS



What a fantastic day the Year 4s had at Haven Banks!

They arrived at school full of enthusiasm for the day ahead. Arriving at Haven Banks they were greeted by their instructor for the day. The group split into 2 groups. Group 1 headed along the banks of the Exe for team building activities while Group 2 kitted themselves out and set sail down the river on their dragon boat. Both groups were fantastic at the team building activities. It was brilliant to watch as they worked collaboratively and communicated clearly to overcome and achieve at each challenge. The challenges ranged from the drain pipe run, where they have a piece of pipe and a ball and have to work together to roll the ball about 20 metres along their pipes to a bucket, to the magic pole. A pole that is only allowed to be touched by their two forefingers underneath it and it has to be brought to the ground, even though at first it only wants to fly higher!

The dragon boat was a big hit with both groups. Despite the wind's best efforts to blow the boat into the hedge, the children all learnt to row together, with the help of a big drum. Both groups rowed all the way down to the low bridge and a little way back but had to have a tow back to base as the wind finally got the better of us. The children, as always, showed what a super group of young people they are. They get on so well as a class and I was really proud of how they behaved towards each other, the instructors, the adults taking them on the trip, including the bus driver! Thank you for giving the children the opportunity to take part in the day. Every child thoroughly enjoyed themselves and has gone home proud of their achievements. Mrs Rowcliffe



SUMMER MENU



| Week One | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Option 1 | Chicken Pizza | Cottage Pie | Roast Turkey and Stuffing | Pork Sausages | Cod Fish Finger |
| 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 |
| Baguette | Ham or Cheese (V) Filling and Salad | Ham or Cheese (V) Filling and Salad | Ham or Cheese (V) Filling and Salad | Ham or Cheese (V) Filling and Salad | Ham or Cheese (V) Filling and Salad |
| Dessert of the Day | Ice Cream | Chocolate Shortcake | Yogurt and Fruit | Iced Sponge | Yogurt and Fruit |
| Week starting: | 25/04/22 ~ 16/05/22 ~ 13/06/22 ~ 04/07/22 | | | | |

| Week Two | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Option 1 | Pasta Bolognese | Butter Chicken | Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding | Barbecue Chicken | 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 |
| Baguette | Ham or Cheese (V) Filling and Salad | Ham or Cheese (V) Filling and Salad | Ham or Cheese (V) Filling and Salad | Ham or Cheese (V) Filling and Salad | Ham or Cheese (V) Filling and Salad |
| Dessert of the Day | Yogurt and Fruit | Cornflake Crunchie | Fruit Salad | Choc Chip Shortcake | Yogurt and Fruit |
| Week starting: | 02/05/22 ~ 23/05/22 ~ 20/06/22 ~ 11/07/22 | | | | |

| Week Three | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 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 Salad | Golden Fries and Peas |
| Baguette | Ham or Cheese (V) Filling and Salad | Ham or Cheese (V) Filling and Salad | Ham or Cheese (V) Filling and Salad | Ham or Cheese (V) Filling and Salad | Ham or Cheese (V) Filling and Salad |
| Dessert of the Day | Yogurt and Fruit | Chocolate Shortcake | Yogurt and Fruit | Arctic Roll | Yogurt and Fruit |
| Week starting: | 09/05/22 ~ 06/06/22 ~ 27/06/22 ~ 18/07/22 | | | | |



Families with children in Key Stage 1 who are eligible are encouraged to apply as the funding is in addition to Universal Infant Free School Meals!

If your circumstances have changed and you are now in receipt of one or more of the following:

- Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7400 or less)
- Income support
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

You may be eligible for pupil premium funding for Winkleigh Primary School, which entitles your child/ren to receive Free School Meals.

It takes less than a minute to apply.

Visit the Citizen Portal Devon

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCsCitizenPortal_LIVE

or call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

If eligible, please send a screenshot of your confirmation to admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk