

A note from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week saw the end of our school tours. We have really enjoyed showing parents and carers around the school and have appreciated the lovely feedback we received. Thanks to the Admin team at Winkleigh for looking after the admin responsibilities for Kings Nympton while Mrs Catling is absent with Covid.

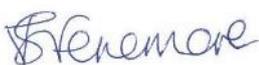
Year 1 had a wonderful day at Paignton Zoo on Tuesday. They were very keen to tell me about the animals they saw. They all looked so excited sat on the coach waiting to go. Mrs Rowcliffe and Mrs Betts said the children behaved beautifully, as always.

Following contact with the parish council with regards to reports of dog mess on the pavement near to school, we had a visit from the Dog Warden this week. She suggested children could make some posters at home that we could put up along the fence to remind dog owners to pick up after their dogs.

As you are aware, we buy into a PE package provided by QE (Queen Elizabeth's Community College) in Crediton, which offers children across the school various sporting opportunities. Last Friday, a small group of Year 5s and 6s took part in a sporting workshop, see below for more info.

Next week is an exciting week again for Key Stage 2. I know they are looking forward to their skateboarding workshops, always a popular event that is now a regular feature in the diary. Year 3 will be joining Years 3 and 4 from Kings Nympton for their trip to Kent's Cavern, a lovely way to end the half term.

Have a lovely weekend,



Mrs V Fenemore, Executive Headteacher



On Friday 3rd February, three children from Year 5 and three children from Year 6 had the exciting opportunity to meet Mr Walter at QE in Crediton for a day of sporting challenges. These children were given individual sporting tasks to highlight their strengths in balance, agility, co-ordination, flexibility, power and speed. Additionally, they were challenged further by showing their understanding of working as a team in the technical and fast moving sport of handball. All of these fundamental movements and team skills are key attributes that we focus on across our PE curriculum. Once more, like in the recent tag rugby tournament, it was fantastic to see how Winkleigh was represented amongst other local schools. The children even made Mr Walter take part in a couple of challenges, it is fair to say they were disappointed with his sit and reach result!

DIARY DATES

W/C 14TH FEBRUARY 2022



Saturday 12th Feb	<i>Deadline to book school meals and before school club sessions for week commencing 28th February</i>
Monday 14th 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 T-Shirt Competition Deadline—see page 13 for details 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 15th Feb	Skateboarding Workshops—Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 Deadline for 6th instalment of £30 towards Year 6 London Residential PE lessons today: Owls, Year 5, Year 6 3.30pm-4.15pm Year 2/3 PE/Multi Sports Club with Mr Slocombe
Wednesday 16th Feb	Skateboarding Workshop—Year 6 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 17th Feb	PE lessons today: Owls, Year 3, Year 4 3.30pm-4.30pm Year 3/4 Cooking Club with Miss Parsons
Friday 18th Feb— Last Day of Term	Year 3—Kent's Cavern Educational Visit PE lessons today: Year 1, Year 5, Year 6 3.30pm-4.15pm Year 6 PE/Multi Sports Club with Mr Gillard

Governing Board Update

As no parent applications were made to join the Federation governing board, Jo Goddard, who is currently on the board as a Co-opted Governor, will move across to the position of Parent Governor with immediate effect.

Emails sent this week: Year 1 w/b 7th February 2022—Home Learning Suggested Ideas. Skateboarding Workshops—Reminder. Year 3 Kent's Cavern—Reminder. Free School Meals Voucher Codes for February Half Term 2022. Owls Class RHS Rosemoor Educational Visit—Thursday 10th March 2022. Nursery Front Door. Year 6 Spellings 08.02.22. Nursery Parents' Evening—8th and 10th February—Cancelled. Data Collection Sheets—Reminder. Free Webinar. Year 5 Spellings 10.02.22. Year 4 Spellings 11.02.22. Year 2 Spellings 11.02.22. Warn and Inform.

LITTLE WOODLANDS

NEWS FROM THE NURSERY



Recapping the story of Peter Pan, we have been focusing on Mermaid Lagoon this week. We learnt that mermaids are 'mythical' creatures with the body of a human and the tail of a fish. In Folklore, mermaids, like fairies, have magical powers. They love music and singing and captivate sailors with their beauty, often causing ship wrecks! We read stories about mermaids and how humans have forged friendships with them for centuries. We were fascinated to learn that when mermaids come out of the sea their fishy tails turn into legs. But that they are often miserable on land and want to return to the sea to be with their friends and family. Many conversations about friendship followed, what it means to be a good friend and how we can help and support one another when we are feeling sad.

The pictures in the books inspired us to paint mermaids of our own. We painted our feet with iridescent paint, (which tickled a lot!), and used the foot print to design our own mermaids, choosing unusual colours for their hair and adding sequins and glitter to decorate their beautiful tails.



Properties of water and how ships sail on the sea without sinking inspired our science activity this week. We looked at the concepts of sinking and floating and the properties different objects have which allow them to either sink or float. We all got very soggy as we experimented with various objects and guessed whether they would float on the top of our water tray or sink to the gloomy depths at the bottom.

On Wednesday we joined Mrs Bourner and Owls Class for a visit from the Dentist. We talked about which foods keep our teeth healthy and which foods we should only have as a treat. We practiced brushing our teeth and received our own toothbrush and toothpaste.

We are really enjoying being back in the playroom. The children are loving playing in the home corner again, looking after the babies and making 'tea' for all of us. It is lovely to have so much space again!

Next week is the final week of our Peter Pan inspired topic. We will be focusing on outdoor learning with the adventures of the Lost Boys. ***Could you please ensure your children have suitable clothing and wellies next week?***

Have a great weekend.

THE LEARNING ZONE

SHARING OUR LEARNING AND A MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS



Owls Class—Mrs Bourner

In Owls Class this week the children have enjoyed listening to the story 'Simon Sock' as part of their Maths work. Consequently, everything in class has been about finding pairs; from socks, to animals to eyes and numbers! The children enjoyed 'Simon' so much that we thought we would make our own sock puppets next week. ***If you have any odd socks at home that you are happy for us to give a new life to, please could you send them into school on Monday?***

The children are continuing to work so hard through our new phonics scheme and enjoy our daily whiteboard writing challenges. Well done to all those children reading at home, it really does make a difference and the children are flying with their reading now, which is wonderful to see.

Following on from our map making skills, the children loved listening to 'What the ladybird heard' and had so much fun creating their own floor map for their own bugs to move around. ***I wonder if you can remember how to sign all the animals from the story Owls?***

Squirrels class joined us to welcome Kim the Dentist on Wednesday where the children learnt about food that is good for our teeth and food that is not so good! She was very impressed with the children's daily tooth brushing routine. Well done everyone!

Please can we ask that children return their class library books every Thursday. We are unable to send new books home until old ones have been returned, and the children so enjoy choosing new books to share at home.

Have a lovely relaxing weekend Owls, we hope to see you all back next week.



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Year 1—Mrs Betts & Mrs Rowcliffe

It's been quite an adventure in Year 1 this week. We had our trip to the zoo on Tuesday, where we saw some beautiful animals. More info on page 9 of the newsletter.

In Maths we are comparing values using the vocabulary: more than, less than and equals.

In English, we are looking at the conjunction 'and', and how it can be used to join two related sentences, phrases and words together.

In our Geography topic 'The UK' this week, we looked at Northern Ireland. The children were very interested in the Giants Causeway and how it was formed. We learnt about the legend of Finn Mac-Cool and his feud with the Scottish giant Benandonner. I think the children preferred this version rather than the volcano! Also, the children had a good go at Irish dancing but found that it was very tiring on the legs.

In Art this week we are making turtle sculptures out of recycled materials using the sculptor Michelle Reader as our inspiration.



Year 2—Miss Jones

Year 2 have had another busy week. We have successfully completed our Little Red Riding Hood independent write in English. I have been really impressed with the children's hard work with their handwriting and responding to feedback, which is reflected in their writing.

We have finished our learning about multiplication and division in Maths. We spent this week dividing by 2, 5 and 10 before investigating odd and even numbers. It's been great to see us making links between the operations and exemplifying this in our verbal and written explanations.

The children enjoyed investigating a range of materials in Science to see whether they could change their shape. We had a great discussion with thoughtful responses as we realised that some materials can go back to their original state on their own like a sponge, however some don't. We were able to refer to the properties of materials to conclude which materials were easy and difficult to change the shape of.



On Thursday we completed our final piece in our Art sequence of learning based on Henri Matisse's collages. We enjoyed replicating his style and producing one of our own by using our knowledge of layering materials to produce a composition.

Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed our computing focus this term called 'Making Music' using the website Chrome Music Lab! **Can you have a go at making your own piece of music at home?** Have a lovely weekend all.

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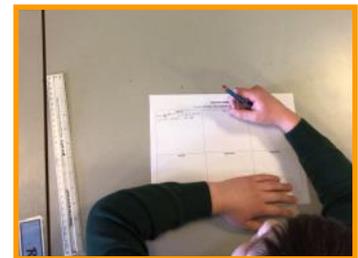
Year 3—Mr Slocombe

Year 3 have been working hard this week! We have learnt about adding and subtracting money in maths and using this to find change. We have just started our new statistics sequence which will take us up to half term.

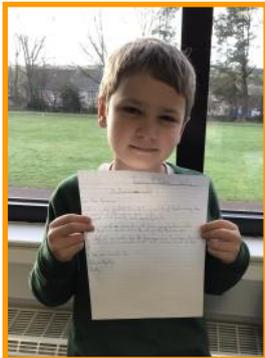
In English, we have looked at persuasive language and practised writing our own persuasive paragraphs. We have labelled a letter and learnt about the conventions of letter writing. Next week, we will complete our planning and independent writing.

In science, we thought about all things magnetic! We discovered how many real-life uses there are for magnets, from toys to MRI scanners. We have also discussed how London has changed over time due to events that we have already learnt about such as the Great Fire of London, in geography. We wrote sentences to compare London with Devon and thought about similarities and differences.

It is fantastic to see so much reading at home still, if the children are reading independently, they can write in their reading record book themselves. Don't forget, the children also all have a Read Theory login that they can use. Have a super week and see you all on Monday!



Year 4—Miss McLean



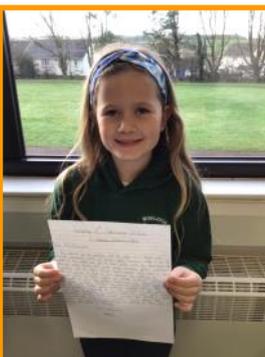
Year 4 have had another fantastic week. On Tuesday, it was Internet safety day so in computing this week we discussed how to stay safe online. The theme this year is relationships online so we looked at who we might build relationships with online when we are playing games.

In Science, we learnt where mains electricity comes from and what dangers of using it are. We then looked at a few dangerous scenarios and explained what we could do to make them safer.

We looked at the natural resource of water in Geography this week. We worked out how many times we rely on access to a supply of clean water in a single day and realised that we might be able to cut down the amount of water we use so that it doesn't go to waste. We then used all of these ideas to write a letter explaining what we can do to stop water being wasted at home and in school.

Finally, our spelling lessons this week have focused on using apostrophes and noticing when they are to show possession or contractions. ***Can you remember the difference between them?***

Have a lovely weekend all!



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Year 5—Mr Walter

Year 5 have really applied flexibility throughout their learning this week. In English, it has been enjoyable for use to look at a text with no words and infer meanings through illustrations. We have been working as detectives and journalists to recount information, in pairs we have used our questioning of a character in role play to conduct and write a formal report.

In Maths, we have been adding fractions together. We have used written, pictorial and concrete resources to help us find a common denominator to convert our fractions appropriately to find our answer. Once more we have focussed on the verbal discussion of using their prior knowledge of multiples to respond with 'I know that because...'

This week in Science we focussed on the works of key naturalists David Attenborough and Jane Goodall, researching and expressing their key findings around evolution. Additionally, we discussed the legacy these naturalists have brought and the role of Greta Thunberg in extending that further. Finally, we were able to merge together with Year 6 once more to start planning some exciting events in the summer term. Have a great weekend everyone!



Year 6—Mr Davis

Dear all, yet another busy week in Year 6 this week. In English, the children have been learning how to use adverbials and parenthesis to provide their reader with more information. They have been applying this by planning and creating a page for our fictional class reference book - The Glossary of Magical Objects. The results have been absolutely fantastic.

In Maths, we have been moving towards the end of our current sequence on fractions, decimals and percentages. The children have been learning how to manipulate fractions in order to compare them accurately. This has been a concept that the children have had to work very hard on and I have been very pleased with their application and efforts this week - well done.

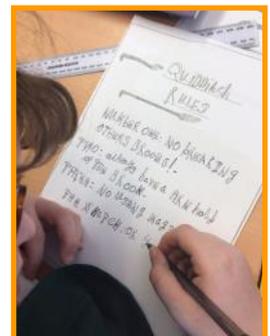
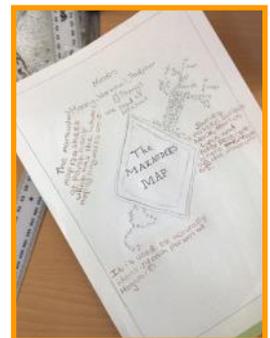
In Art, the children have been planning their final piece of screen printing and perfecting their mark making techniques.

Science this week revolved around vertebrates and invertebrates and whether or not this is an effective method of classification. We then learnt how to precisely differentiate between the different types of animals - and looked for any species that did not fit into our classification systems.



In ICT this week, Year 6 have lent a hand to Mrs Singer by carrying out a series of tests on the new website that is being developed and providing (constructive) feedback.

Finally, on Wednesday, Year 6 joined forces with Year 5 to start planning an enormous joint project for the Summer term. You can all expect to hear about this in more detail soon. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.



YEAR 1

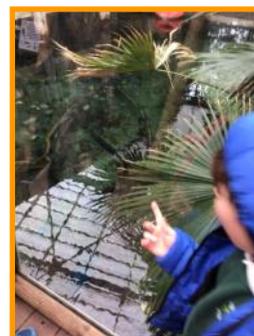
EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO PAIGNTON ZOO



On Tuesday, Year 1 visited Paignton Zoo

Trip number two for the Year 1s! The wheels on the bus were turning by 9.05am- arriving at the Zoo for 10.15! What a fantastic way to see all the vertebrates we have been learning about.

Our guide Matt, told us all about the animals at Paignton Zoo and even showed us a giant tortoise shell which had the imprints of the spine and ribs. The children were amazing on the trip, which enabled us to keep to our tight schedule.



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 ~ 14/03/22 ~ 01/04/22				

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 ~ 28/02/22 ~ 21/03/22				

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 ~ 07/03/22 ~ 28/03/22				

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS



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T-SHIRT COMPETITION



Babcock School Library Service 'T-shirt Competition' for World Book Day 3rd March 2022

The Brief:

- ☐ Design a t-shirt with your favourite book character.
- ☐ Use the [template which can be found and downloaded from our website](#).
- ☐ The design must be within the square on the t-shirt, anything outside of this will not be included.
- ☐ Any medium can be used to achieve this e.g. felt tip, ink, paint, collage.

The Prize:

- ☐ The winners of the competition will have their t-shirt printed and sent to school in time for World Book Day.



3 Categories:
Early Years
Key Stage 1
Key Stage 2



**The deadline for entries is 5pm Monday
14th February 2022. Judging will take
place on 15th February 2022.**



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