

Welcome from Mr Lewis-Cole

This really is a very short term! It is hard to believe that we have just 1 week left before we break for half term. Although it has been short, we have still managed to cram so much in (I am feeling particularly tired). This week was an important one for our Year 6s because they completed the statutory assessments. They have worked incredibly hard in the build up to this and represented themselves and the school brilliantly throughout. Despite the papers being tricky at times, all pupils showed great **resilience** and **bravery** as they did not give up or let these challenges overcome them. They brought out their positive **self-belief** at just the right time. Whatever the outcome of these tests, our Year 6s should be incredibly proud of the dedication they have shown throughout the year and reflect positively on all that they have achieved. It has been a joy to watch them grow in knowledge, skill and confidence. They are definitely ready for their big move into secondary school.

My Child at School

You may have felt a little bombarded this week with messages about our new app 'My Child at School' as we have been in our communication test week. Thank you to those families that highlighted a few issues to us as we have been able to rectify these quickly (these have mostly been to do with settings our end). The most common issues have been linked to not having the latest version of the app (version 6.4), not having notifications switched on or trying to use a different email. Hopefully these have now all been ironed out.

For those of you who haven't yet activated your account or downloaded the app, I encourage you to do so. We will be moving school dinner ordering onto the app after half term and clubs are already live for booking.

Download the app from your phones app store or register at mcas.scomis.org. You will need to hit the 'reset password' button to receive a link and set up a new password.

Sports Day

We are very much looking forward to celebrating Sports Day next week on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. We will send final communications out about this with specific information about where to set yourselves up on the day and what to expect. I hope that lots of families are able to join us to cheer our pupils on and celebrate each and every child's achievement.

A reminder that next Friday (the last day of term) is a mufti day for the PTFA. They are wanting **cash donations** only on this occasion. The money raised will be going towards the installation of something on the playground that I am sure all pupils will find very exciting!

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you all next week for the final week of this term.

Together we are inspiring a community with a bright future.

Resilience, Collaboration, Responsibility, Bravery, Communication, Self-belief

Together we

Congratulations



Harris Cup
Harper



McIver Cup
Maisie



'H' Cup
Ruby

Each of you are excellent role models for your peers and have shown significant determination and effort to your learning.

to our weekly cup winners.

Attendance

We know that we are all having to be a little more cautious at the moment; however, for those pupils well enough, we still have high expectations for daily attendance.

Foundation & Key Stage 1

Puffins	96.5
Coral	87.5
Seahorses	93.7
Oysters	95.8
Mussels	93.5
Starfish	91.9

Key Stage 2

Turtles	98.3
Sunfish	92.0
Otters	99.1
Dolphins	97.0
Anglerfish	95.3
Orca	98.1
Angel Sharks	95.9
Rays	89.5



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

The **highest class**
attendance last week
goes to...

Puffins in FS/KS1

Otters in KS2

**GREAT
ATTENDANCE**



On Time Octopus
winning class:
Starfish

Punctuality Penguin
winning class:
Otters



celebrate

News & Events



What makes somewhere special to visit?

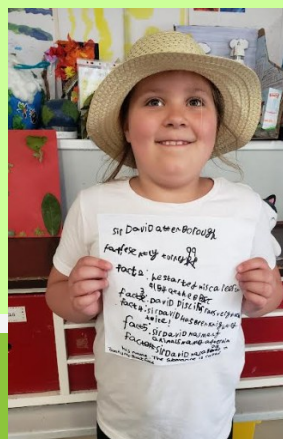
Things to talk about at home...

- Share your response to the news about a new theme park in the UK with someone at home. Is it somewhere you would visit?
- Have you been to any theme parks? Has anyone else at home been to a theme park? If not, would you like to?
- Can you think of a place that is special to you? What makes it special?



Thank you to Year 2 for all your fabulous learning about the people who are continuing to shape our futures for the better. It has been so encouraging to see how you are enjoying finding out how everyone can help the planet to become cleaner and more sustainable.

Thank you to Alina for your letter to Greta - she has obviously inspired you tremendously! Thank you to Katie too for your planet saving ideas and for sharing your passion for the planet with your all class and with me (Mrs Hardy).



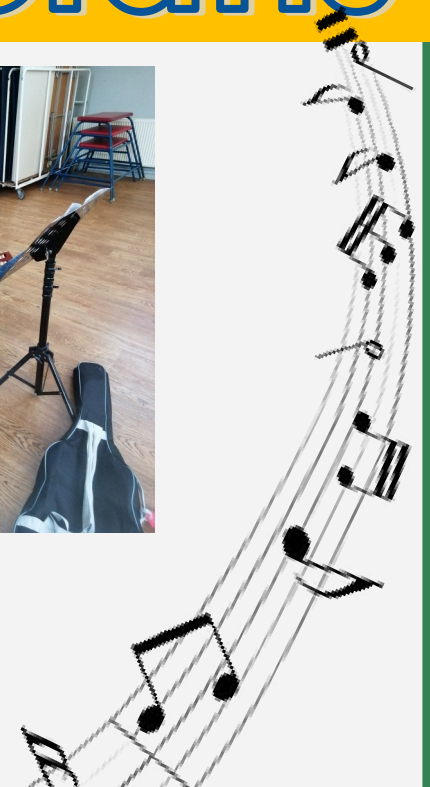
Dear Greta
I wanted to tell you I've been learning about you
My name is Alina ~~Chanda~~, I am 7 years old and go to Liphon Vale
Primary School (L.V.P.S), in Plymouth, United Kingdom (UK).
I know you should have been in school on the other side of
the ocean. Your courage was ~~perfect~~ ^{amazing}. We need more people on
Earth like you! You're a hero! You have inspired
thousands of people to stand against ~~climate change~~ ^{climate change}.
We need to change our ~~lives~~ ^{lives} and ~~save the planet~~ ^{save the planet}.
before it's too late. I'll try and ~~remember to not go~~ ^{remember to not go}
to school in the car. ~~Remember to not go~~ ^{Remember to not go}
Donald Trump (D.T.) is wrong! Your next mission please
Love,
Alina Chanda xoxoxoxoxoxoxox



are musicians

Together we

In our weekly music assembly the children were treated to some amazing performances from Mr Pettit's guitar students. The children enjoyed sharing the musical features they noticed. Great performing and listening everyone.



This week Year 5 enjoyed working on their rhythmical unit, 'We are Performers', and were able to recall a range of rhythms before combining more complicated syncopated rhythms in the next few weeks.



It is always great to see a musician pass on their skills. Well done Rowan for using your free time to pass on your musical knowledge.



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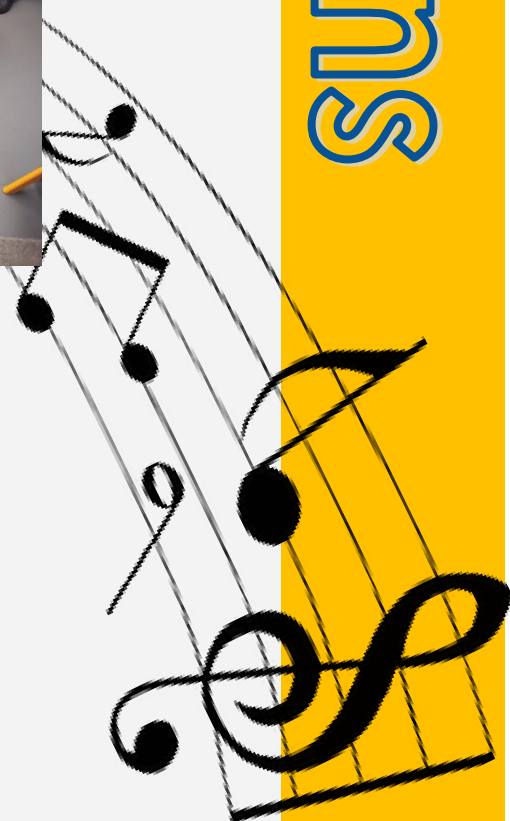
are musicians



Year 6 have been embracing their focus on 'We are Performers'. They have been reflecting on the features of what makes an effective performance and then enjoyed applying their ideas in preparation for their own performance in July.



This week Foundation used drums to accompany parts of their English focus of Jack and The Beanstalk. Great rhythmic performances to accompany the chants of the giant, musically performed by the rest of the class with body percussion.



Together we

This week in computing, we have been programming our Microbits using algorithms. As the unit progresses, we will continue to develop our algorithms to create more complex codes. The children have absolutely loved using the Microbits in our computing lessons and they have shown their ability to work effectively in partners to achieve their coding outcome!



Harrison and Ollie have worked hard on their home learning projects. They have both made their own habitats.

This week, Year 6 have worked exceptionally hard to complete their SATs tests. They have persevered, shown amazing resilience and have well and truly shown off everything they have learnt and worked on throughout their time at primary school. To celebrate the end of a long week, the children celebrated with an ice lolly in the sun which was very needed! Well done, Year 6. We are all so proud of you - enjoy your celebrations and SATs freedom!



love to learn

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Otters class have been busy completing their home learning tasks. We have had some wonderful erupting volcanoes, which we have all enjoyed watching! In addition, Monty made a bingo quiz which we were able to use to review some key volcano vocabulary! Brilliant work Otters!



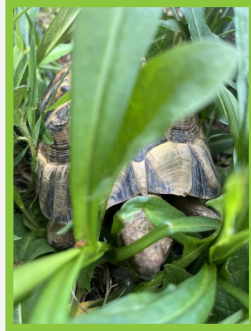
Year 1 have been continuing to expand on their learning about deserts. They can now talk about what is the same and what is different about hot and cold deserts. Additionally, they have been finding out about the Arctic and can describe some of the geographical features of this polar region. They have also learnt about the many different animals which live in these landscapes and how they survive. In English we have been learning about poetry and this week we will be planning our own poems going on a journey to an individual chosen landscape. We look forward to sharing them with you!



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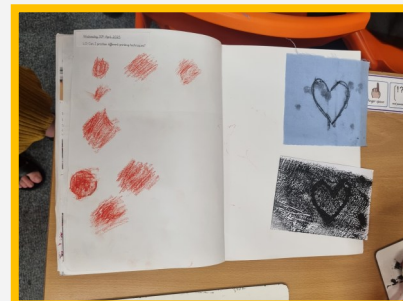
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There was great excitement in Foundation this week as Keith (the tortoise) had a great adventure. Pupils have loved engaging in new learning linked to our topic this term 'Great Gardeners'.



This term's art is all about printing. Monoprinting to be precise!

This week we explored how well different surfaces would work if we printed on them. A firm favourite was fabric and we had some amazing pictures on them! Next week, we'll be looking at William Morris as our inspiration for our final project. We wonder what ideas will form from his artwork?



Together we

love to learn

Whilst some of our year 5s were away from school on residential, those in school has a wonderful opportunity to go sailing. They had a truly fantastic time and showed great perseverance and resilience. Well done!



In our Geography lesson this week, Year 4 learned that most of the Earth's volcanoes are found at the boundaries of tectonic plates. We had fun using Oreo biscuits to simulate the tectonic plate movements and the formation of volcanoes. We then used atlases and a tectonic plate map to explore countries



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We are Readers



Word Millionaires

We are delighted to announce another two Word Millionaires of the year!

A huge congratulations to Sebby from Dolphins class and Harvey from Otters class who have both read over a million words which is a fantastic achievement.

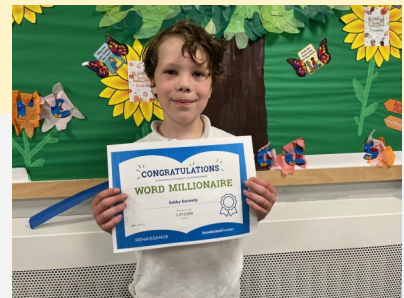
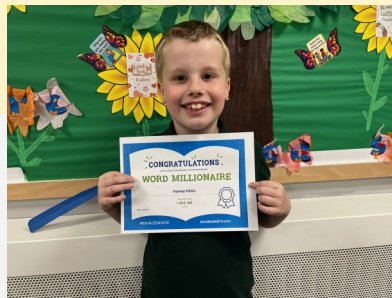
Incredibly, Joshua from Ora class has also become our first Word Multi Millionaire this year, having read an astonishing 2,190,418 words since the beginning of September - a fantastic accomplishment. Impressively, Joshua also achieved this feat last year!

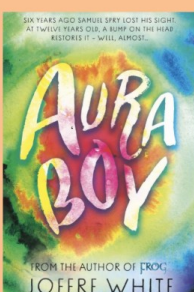
Well done to all three pupils on showing such dedication to reading.

Author Visit in Key Stage 2

On Wednesday 21st May, we welcome author Joffre White to our school for a special visit with Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children. Joffre will be speaking about the importance of reading, literacy, and creative writing, aiming to inspire a lifelong love of words. Throughout the day, he will speak to different classes and lead a creative writing workshop in Year 4. The visit will conclude with a book signing session, at 3pm in the Staff Room giving children the opportunity to meet the author and take home a signed copy of his work. A letter will be sent out about this with further details today. [Joffre White](#)

Happy reading.






Joffre White
Author,
and a UK Patron of Reading,
will be visiting
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Treasure Island Inflatables Challenge

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Treasure Island Inflatables Challenge

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my **child** at **school**.com



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THURSDAY 29TH MAY 11-3

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FAMILY ENTRY BY DONATION

COME & BE WITH OTHERS AND HAVE FUN

YOGA, STORY TELLING, MINDFUL ART, BOUNCY CASTLE, GARDENING, BADGE MAKING, FOOTBALL, CRICKET, MUSIC,

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More information required?
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Book using one of the QR Codes.

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MOD Survey



PTFA

Mufti Day

Friday 23rd May

The PTFA would like to raise funds to buy more play equipment for break times -we are especially looking into a Lego wall.

Suggested donation £1
(cash is easier on this occasion)

Thank you
PTFA team

If you have any spare bunting, balloons or other decorations we could use for the fair in June, please let us know!

Collective Worship

This week we considered the importance of celebrating difference. We explored what we mean by difference and identified how being different from others was a really positive thing as it makes us unique. We challenged others with the question 'Is it ever okay to be unkind to someone because they are different from us?' and explored how we all belong because of the things we represent (e.g. Lipson Vale Primary School).

What makes you different from others and how do you celebrate this?

Dates for your diaries:

21.05.25	KS1 Sports Day
	KS2 Author Visit
22.05.25	KS2 Sports Day
23.05.25	PTFA Muffi Day
WB 26.05.25	Half Term
02.06.25	Non Pupil Day
WB 02.06.25	MTC Assessments (Year 4)
WB 09.06.25	Phonic Assessments (Year 1)
16.06.25	Year 3 Roman Day
WB 16.06.25	Year 6 Residential
25.06.25	Year 6 Charles Darwin Day
27.06.25	PTFA Muffi & Festi-Vale
14.07.25	Whole School Cricket Event
23.07.25	Last day of academic year



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