

Welcome from Mr Lewis-Cole

At the end of the first full week in school, I am sure we are all feeling a little tired. Getting back into the routines of school can be challenging but I have been so impressed this week with how our pupils have shown **resilience** and **self-belief** as the new topics of learning have begun.

You may have noticed some changes to the school grounds and building after the summer holidays. Mr Freeman, our Site Manager, worked incredibly hard with builders, carpenters, painters and carpet fitters to make sure that the works were completed in good time. He also coordinated the Babcock apprentice team for one week as they completed essential maintenance on our grounds. We are so grateful to Mr Freeman in leading on these summer works that continue to improve our school environment for us all.

Meet the teacher

You will have, earlier this week, received information about your child's year groups' 'meet the teacher' informal meeting date and time. These are a great way to speak to the adults who will be working with your child over the next year and find out key information, as well as about the curriculum ahead. I hope that you are able to attend these meetings. As I said, these are information sessions and there will be some key information to collect and the opportunity for you to talk through aspects of the new year group with key members of staff.

Attendance and punctuality

A gentle reminder that pupils are expected to attend school every day and arrive on time. The bell will continue to ring at 8.55am and any pupils who arrive after this time are late and should sign in via the office. School starts at 8.45am and I encourage everyone to aim to be in the classroom by this time. We are now opening the main school gate at 8.30am which should help in everyone being ready to come into school on time. Poor attendance at the start of a new school year is recognised as a key sign that attendance throughout the year will be poor. The attendance leadership team in school will be making contact with families shortly who are already showing concerning attendance. The start of a new school year is a great time to get into positive attendance and punctuality habits - **aim for 8.45am**.

Inspiring pupils

Thank you to Quinn for this fantastic piece of information about looking after the planet. It is wonderful that he has shared this valuable piece of home learning with us all. What a great job he has done to clean up the play park too. Well done!

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.



Together we are inspiring a community with a bright future.

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

News & Events

Should lifejackets be compulsory for all on open water?



Things to talk about at home...

- Share your experiences of lifejackets. Have you ever been required to wear one? Where were you? Did everyone wear one?
- Can you make a list of all the times you think lifejackets should be worn?
- Do you feel there should be laws in place to ensure people wear lifejackets on boats at sea? If so, do you believe they should apply to everyone?

EASY
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Hooray we have received **PLASTIC FREE STATUS** for our school from Surfers Against Sewage!

Thank you to all the adults and children who have worked tirelessly to achieve this over the last few years. It is thanks to our wonderful children and Eco team who have had the drive and enthusiasm to make this happen. We can now proudly display the placard we have been awarded. Watch this space as we continue to educate one another and reduce our use of single-use plastics at Lipson Primary.



are musicians

Together we

Year 5 have made a great start in their new unit exploring musical structures. The group task required them to play a simple musical phrase by ear before a performance with everyone. Wow, you made a great sound.



The bus has already started to make its musical journey in our new academic year. Year 2 have made a great start in exploring the length of sounds both in their accompanying and listening skills.



This week our Orchestra had its first practice. Wow, you all made a super sound. We looked at three pieces. A special welcome to all our new musicians who had their first orchestral experience.

This week Mr Petit and our other music teachers have started their instrumental lessons for the Autumn term. We have been delighted that so many children from Year 2 have decided to sign up for tuition this term. How great to welcome more musicians to Lipson.



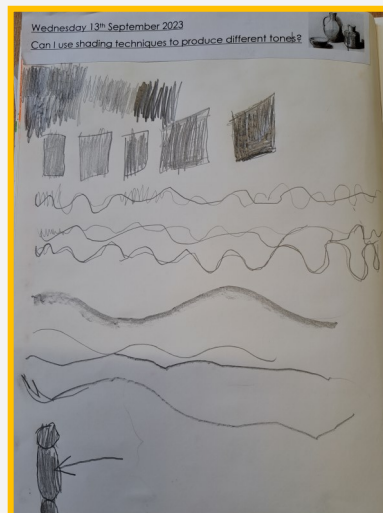
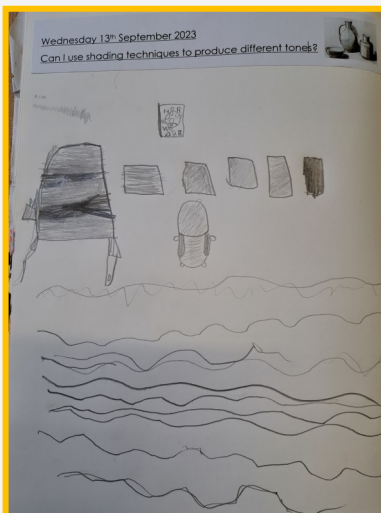
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The Foundation children have settled in wonderfully to their new classes and we are very proud of how they are positively embracing their new environment and friends. This week they have been busy exploring their new classrooms and all of the fun activities that they have on offer. We have also been sharing stories and singing lots of songs.



The children in Year 2 were excited to start their new sketching unit. This week they tried different techniques to produce different tones.



Year two have settled in very well to Starfish class. We have been getting to know each other and have been finding out about our new topics. Within maths, we have had fun exploring numbers to 20. We have been able to represent different numbers using base ten and discussing the place value of each number as we go. We have made a great start to our new school year and we cannot wait to see what learning we will do.

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Today was an exciting day as our young geologists embarked on a thrilling journey into the world of rocks, unveiling the mysteries hidden beneath the Earth's surface.

As part of their brand-new unit titled 'Rocks, Soils, and Fossils,' our budding scientists dove deep into the fascinating realm of natural and man-made rocks.

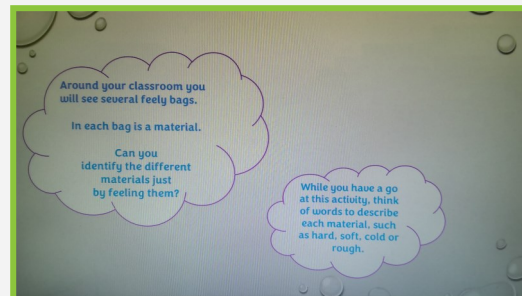
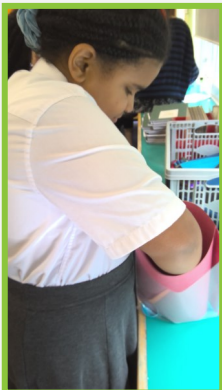
They took on the role of rock detectives, and here's a sneak peek into their adventures:

Classification Challenge: Our curious minds sorted through a wide range of different rocks, deciphering their unique characteristics and properties. It was incredible to see their critical thinking skills in action!

Formation Insights: The highlight of the day was learning about the three primary types of natural rocks: igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic. The students explored how these rocks are formed, igniting their curiosity about the Earth's geological history.



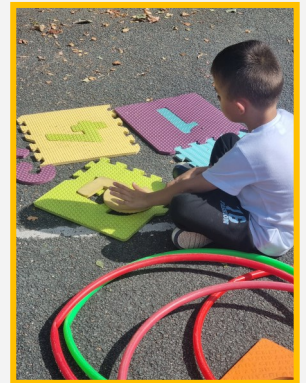
This week, the children have been exploring materials in science. In class, the children have been describing the materials they felt around the classroom.



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Our Year 1 children have had a fantastic week and a bit back at school! We have been so busy starting our Science learning all about seasons. We have been developing our fine motor skills with some squeezable scoops and water beads! We have been loving double PE on Wednesday's with Mr Cross and Miss Jones. We've been learning a lot about the fundamentals of sports and how to play safely on our outdoor equipment. We simply don't want the fun to end!



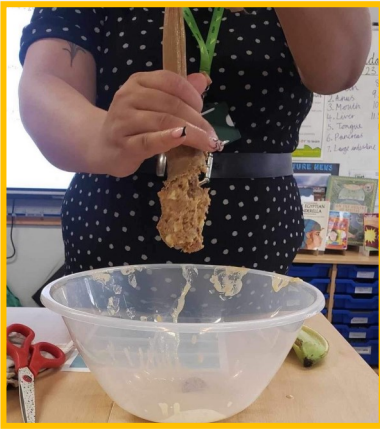
Last term, we successfully ran a set of workshops for parents to help them support their children with their learning in maths. We would like to offer this opportunity again this term. The workshops cover Key Stage 1 maths concepts but parents/carers with children of any age are welcome to attend.

Please contact Liz Farmer, PSA, via the office if you would like more information - dates/times are to be confirmed.



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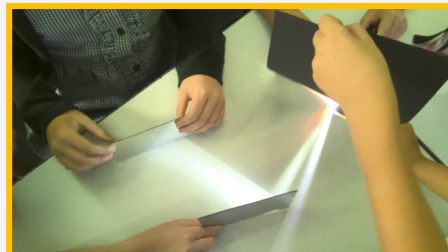
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This week Year 4 have been continuing their work looking at the human digestive system. The live demonstration modelling how our bodies digest food, that took place in both the Otters and Dolphins classrooms wasn't for the faint hearted! However, afterwards the children's knowledge was put to the test with a quiz, which they passed with flying colours.



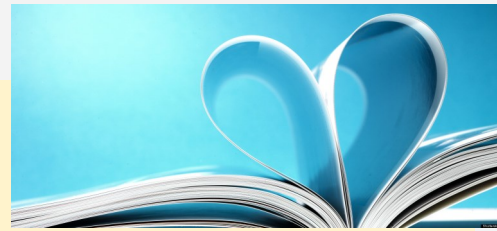
In Science this week, Year 6 investigated how light travels. They discovered that a beam of light always travels in a straight line by using their observation and inquiry skills. Additionally, they explored how to change the direction of the light beam through the use of mirrors; some children were even able to use multiple mirrors, resulting in a spectacle of light beams!



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We are Readers



Summer Reading Challenge 2023

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge, 'Ready, Set, Read!'. Just a reminder, that if your child signed up, they need to complete the challenge by tomorrow (Saturday 16th September) and we hope to receive our certificates to present to children in assembly before October half term.

Accessing Accelerated Reader at Home

If your child is using Accelerated Reader (AR) in school, you will have received a letter this week with details of how to access your child's AR reading progress via the feature, 'Home Connect'. The website will enable you to see the books your child has read and their quiz results, as well as enable you to sign up to receive email alerts to help you track your child's reading. We have been extremely impressed with the fantastic reading that has taken place so far!

Reading at home - making the difference

The benefits of reading at home are many and lifelong. Thank you for your continued support with your child's reading journey and engagement with their school reading diary. Please do speak to your class teacher if you would like any additional support with reading at home. Here are two fantastic websites for reading recommendations:

[Bookfinder: find children's books for every age](#) | [BookTrust](#)

[BooksForTopics](#) | [Search Children's Books by Age or Topic](#)

Happy reading



Lipson Vale Primary School Reads!

In September 2023, students have read...

244 Books

1,672,020 Words

for **23** minutes/day!
(individual student average)

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News & Events

Year 5/6 - Forthcoming Open Evenings for Secondary Schools

- Plympton Academy - 21/9/23 from 4pm onwards, 22/9/23 from 9.40am to 1pm, 25/9/23 all day appointments available to book, please contact the school
- Heles School - 20/9/23 from 5-8pm
- Plymstock School - 19/9/23 from 6.30-8.30pm
- Egguckland Community College - 21/9/23 from 5-8pm
- Tor Bridge High - 21/9/23 from 5-8pm
- Marine Academy - 21/9/23 from 4.15-6.45pm
- All Saints Academy - 28/9/23 from 6-8pm
- St Boniface's Catholic College - 26/9/23 from 4-7pm
- Plymouth High School for Girls - 21/9/23 from 4.30-6.30pm

Children's Appointments!

NHS SpaDental South-West

SpaDental Plymouth and SpaDental Saltash

invite children under 12 years of age

for NHS appointments

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VISITS FROM MINI PILGRIM PETE

Collective Worship

It has been wonderful to welcome back all our pupils and families over the last few weeks. As part of settling into our new year groups and routines, we spent this week focusing on our READY behaviours and our school expectations. Pupils were asked to identify what each of our behaviours mean in action and commit to working on one of them in the coming weeks.

What does being 'ready' look like to you?

Dates for your diaries:

18.09.23	Meet the Teacher Year 4 & 6 @ 3.30pm
19.09.23	Meet the Teacher Year 5 @ 3.30pm
20.09.23	Meet the Teacher Year 1, 2 & 3 @ 3.30pm
23 - 27.10.23	Half term break
30.10.23	Non pupil day
31.10.23	First day of second half term
02.11.23	Individual and Sibling photos
06-10.11.23	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe week
19.12.23	Last day of school
20.12.23	Christmas holidays
03.01.24	Non pupil day
04.01.24	First day of term



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