

# Notes from the Vale

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## Welcome from Mr Lewis-Cole

Welcome to the final full 'Notes from the Vale' of this term. This edition is jam-packed with examples of the exciting, challenging and captivating curriculum we have here at Lipson Vale Primary School. It has been a genuine pleasure putting this together and seeing a real range of subjects in focus and celebrated. I hope that you enjoy looking through with your family.

### **The Bus**

Mrs Fice has started to move onto the bus! This is a really exciting final step in the bus becoming a usable extra space for the school. Pupils will begin enjoying the bus after half term for their weekly music lessons. The space is truly brilliant and we are in the early stages of planning for a grand opening which recognises the significant contributions from the local community.

Over half term we have a local artist, Gary from Flash Signs, completing a custom piece of art on the side of the bus. Gary is keen to get ideas from pupils of Lipson Vale of what should be included. The theme for the artwork is 'School Life' and we are welcoming contributions from pupils. The name is being kept simple ('Lipson Bus') but the design for the artwork is currently undecided. It would be amazing if pupils could come up with their own designs around the theme 'School Life' and pass them to me by half term. When we return the artwork will be complete - how exciting!

### **Sports**

We have seen a couple of sporting events return this week and it has been a pleasure to see pupils proudly represent the school at these. The selected pupils who took part in indoor athletics this week showed great determination and effort throughout the tasks. Our year 6 footballers showed great resilience, determination and teamwork as they competed against other local schools. I look forward to future examples of sportsmanship in the coming months as more pupils represent the school. Thank you Mr Peacock and Mr Shrimpton for organising and enabling these events to ahead.

### **Working together**

We have had the pleasure of further visits by our Governors over the last few weeks. Faye Nimmo (Co-Chair) and Sally Wood, helped myself and Mrs Low to evaluate the impact of a new approach to teaching reading across key stage 2. We found that pupils felt positive about the changes that we have made to teach focused skills in reading through VIPERS (Vocabulary, Infer, Predict, Explain, Retrieve, Summarise) and were able to talk about how this focus on skills helps them to better understand what they have read. In addition, Adam Hodgess and Claire Fisher met with myself and Mrs Dean to explore and understand school finance and financial planning. It is great that we have such a supportive and involved Governing Board who help the school to evaluate the progress that we are making and action plan for further improvements.

As next week will be a 'Newsflash', I will take this opportunity now to wish you all a happy and relaxing half term break (when we get there - 1 more week!). Take care and stay safe.

**Together we are inspiring a community with a bright future.**

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

# Together we

## Congratulations



Harris Cup  
Cindy Lin



McIver Cup  
Harrison Ashmore



'H' Cup  
Toren Williams

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	94.1
Coral	99.3
Seahorses	95.9
Oysters	84.3
Mussels	95.3
Starfish	97.0

### Key Stage 2

Turtles	96.6
Sunfish	94.1
Otters	89.9
Dolphins	97.2
Anglerfish	88.6
Orca	97.9
Angel Sharks	94.1
Rays	92.0



## Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

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

Coral in FS/KS1

Orca in KS2

# GREAT ATTENDANCE



# celebrate

# News & Events

## Should everyone using our roads learn the Highway Code?



### Things to talk about at home...

- What do you already know about the Highway Code? Can you ask any adults who you live with what they know?
- Do you think it's important for everyone using the roads to know about the Highway Code? Who do you think should be responsible for making sure we know and understand the rules?



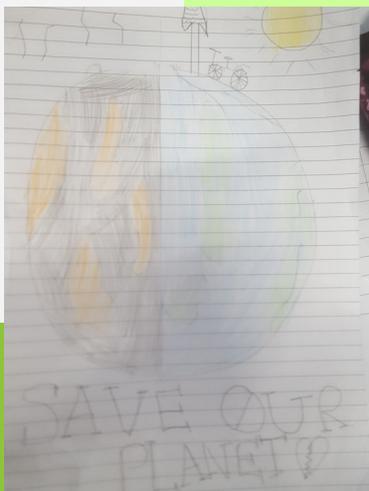
The children continue to work hard to care for the environment.

**EASY  
ECO  
TIPS**



Jasper is always brilliant when he has a packed lunch, as he tries to always use reusable containers and therefore has very little waste. Well done Jasper, what a great example you are!

The children in Eco Club have been busy checking up on classes across the school. Each week they look to see if classes are recycling and switching off lights and projectors when not in use. We are wondering who the next winning class will be and who will win Hope the bear for this half term.



Thank you to Holly for her brilliant poster, which clearly shows a healthier planet when we make good choices. Remember to keep caring and keep energy saving everyone!





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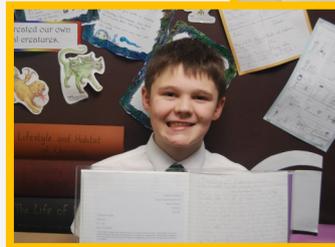
# love to learn



Year 3 welcomed the team from Plymouth Hope back into the classrooms this week. We have explored the different reasons why people might choose to move around and work, live and travel to different counties, as well as reasons why people might be forced to leave a particular place. We have also talked about the different things that connect us and how football is a great way to create a community and share interests.



This week, Year 5 were excited to write up their 'feelings thief' stories. The children immersed themselves in the 'Tear Thief', a book about an elusive thief who steals tears from children to illuminate the moon. The children's ideas included stealing emotions of anger, happiness, anxiety and stress, to name just a few. However, no one will be stealing the excitement from the children's faces in the pictures below!



Our most experienced Year 6 guitarists played a very challenging jazzy piece to the children in our music assembly. It was very well received. Great resilience everyone for facing your fears and performing.



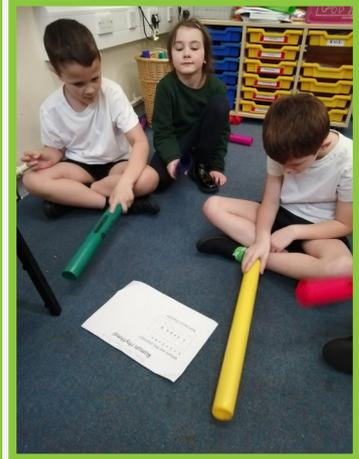
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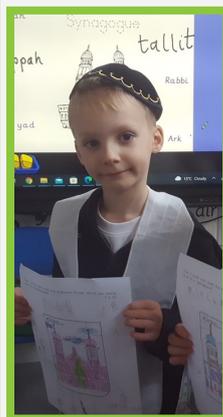


At the beginning of their music lesson, Year 3 listened to another great musical performance from our clarinet and cornet instrumentalists.

This week in Year 3, the children used their planning sheets to support their Roman Rap Rhythms. Great rehearsing everyone. Next week, performing and recording time.



Year 1 have been loving learning about Judaism. This week they learnt all about what you would see and do in a Synagogue. The children were able to name and explain many Jewish things including the Torah, the Ark (where the Torah is kept), the Rabbi and the Star of David.



Year 6 have worked hard to push their skills forward in gymnastics. This week they practiced a series of inverted positions including shoulder stands, bridges and cartwheels.

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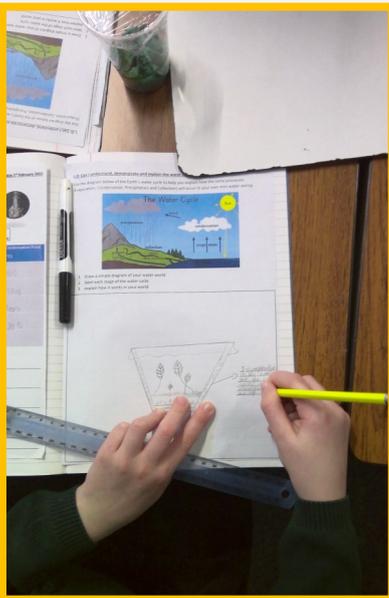


In Year 2, we have been building on our painting skills. This week, we explored other artists' work before using different sized paintbrushes and paper to investigate and compare large-scale and small-scale painting. We are going to paint our own ocean pictures starting next week!



On Monday, Year 4 discovered what children learned about in schools during the Victorian era, including what it was like in the classroom, and compared Victorian schools to modern day schools. In the afternoon, the children experienced what life was like in a Victorian school and tried out three different Victorian lesson activities: a drill, nature drawing and handwriting lesson as well as enduring a fingernail inspection!

This week, Year 4 also learned about the processes of evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and then worked together in small groups to make 'mini water worlds' to observe the processes in action. Using clear cups, paper towels, water cress seeds and cling film, the children built their models and are looking forward to observing what they see over the next few days.



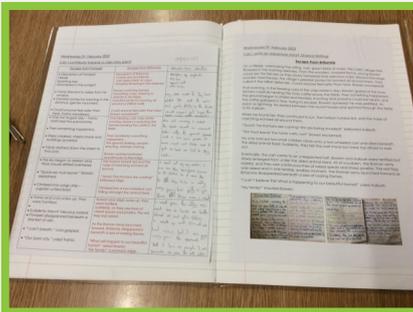
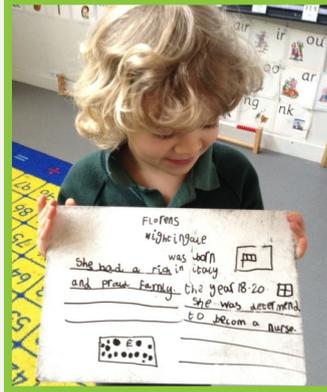
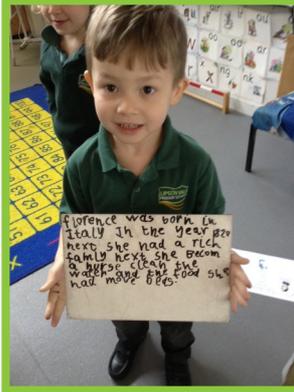
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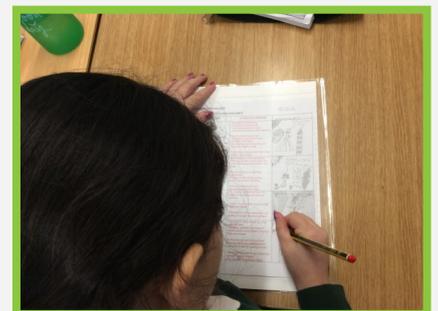
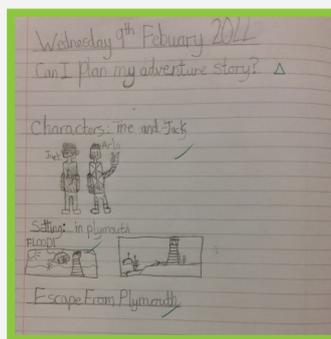
Year 1 have had an exciting week bringing their learning to life with a visit from Florence Nightingale. They learned all about her work and even got to be nurses themselves.

Florence has inspired us to write all about her work, we can't wait to share our top trumps cards with all of our new facts!

In maths we have been learning all about 10's and 1's and making them in different ways. We have found that we can use part - part- whole to make our numbers using 10's and 1's too!

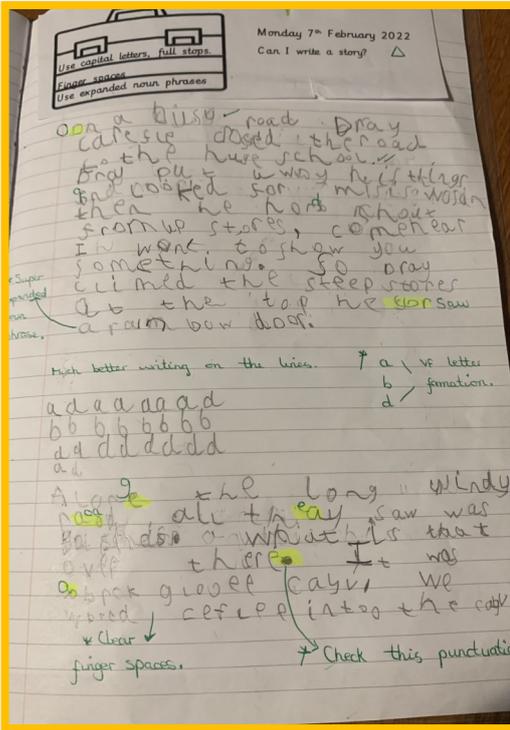


The children in Year 3 are really enjoying the final stages of our adventure story sequence in English. Having re-written class versions of "Escape from Pompeii", entitled, "Escape from Britannia", the children have spent some time this week planning their own characters and setting for their stories and have begun to box up and plan their writing. We are looking forward to reading their own inventions, which sound very exciting. A few examples of the chosen story titles include: Escape from Plymouth, Escape from Kenya, Escape from Egypt and Escape from Rome.

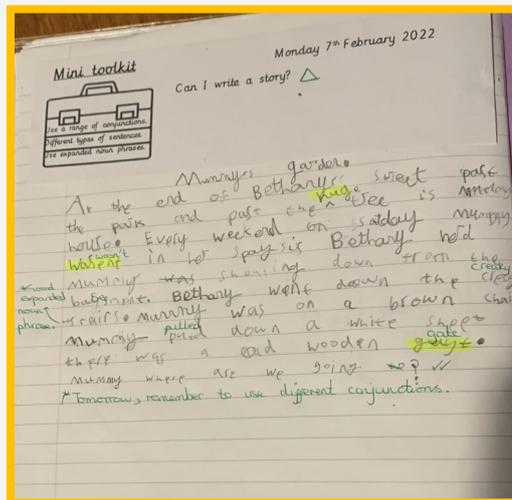
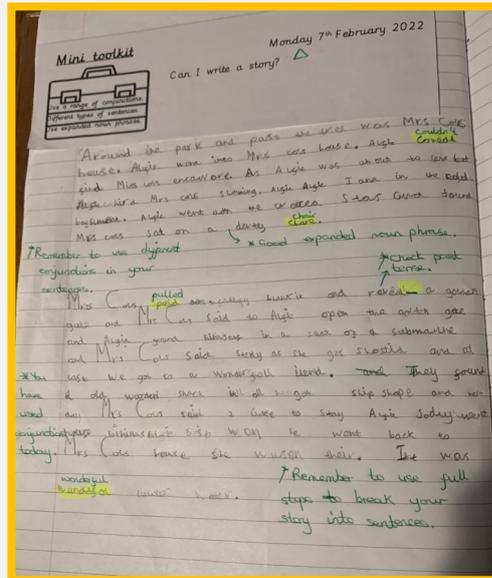
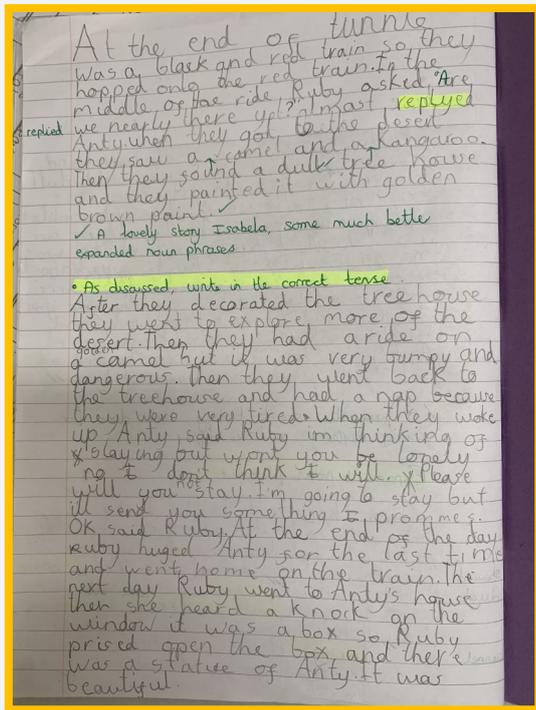
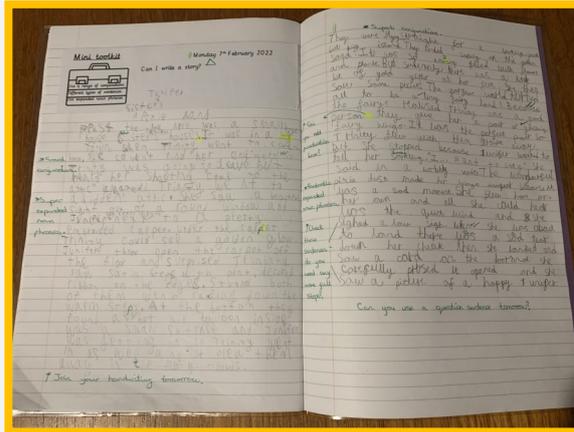


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Year 2 are fantastic story writers! This week, we have been writing our own adventure stories, inspired by 'Grandad's Island' by Benji Davies. We have learnt to use expanded noun phrases, a range of conjunctions and different types of sentences.



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## We are Readers

### Ready, Steady, Read!

As part of our World Book Day celebrations and to encourage a love of reading at home and school, we are running a sponsored read between Friday 18th February and Friday 4th March. The project is being organised in conjunction with our local Usborne Partner, Jemma Harris, and all the money raised will go towards brand new books for our school. In addition to the sponsorship money, Usborne will also donate up to 60% of the total raised in EXTRA FREE BOOKS to the school.



Next week, we will introduce the sponsored read to our pupils and would welcome your support in encouraging your child to spend a small amount of time each day either reading to themselves, to others, or being read to. They can read books, comics, magazines, newspapers, menus, websites, recipes, poems, leaflets, instructions – anything with words!

There will also be a prize donated for the child in KS1 and the child in KS2 who reads the most. In addition, in Foundation, we will be running a sponsored bedtime story and offer children the chance to win a prize for sharing the stories that they have listened to at home.

A letter with more information about the sponsored read, a sponsorship form and reading log will be sent home next week.

### World Book Day

On Thursday 3rd March, we will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of World Book Day. To celebrate the occasion, we will have a book themed muffin day, and invite children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character or as a word. During the day, children will take part in a range of fun activities to celebrate a love of reading including some live story telling and a 'Masked Reader' quiz. In addition, every child will be given a £1 book token which can be exchanged for an exclusive, new and completely free World Book Day book or used to get £1 off any full price book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more. You can find out more about the books at <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

Thank you for all of your support to promote a love of reading!



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DAY**<sup>®</sup>

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25 YEARS

# News & Events

**ALL STAFF & VOLUNTEERS ARE DBS CHECKED**

**PLYMOUTH HOPE**

**Homework Support**  
Aged 7-14  
4pm-6pm  
Youth Club  
Aged 14-18  
5pm-7pm

Homework Support & Youth Club  
WEDNESDAYS  
16:00 to 19:00  
Unit 37  
HQ Building  
PL1 3HQ

For more information contact:  
07715 673572 or 07446 336854

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## Climbing wall taster sessions!

Does your child want to try climbing? Why not book them on to one of our climbing taster sessions, happening during February half term.

Just £6 for a 1 hour session!!

Day	Session start times			
Monday 21st	10:15	11:30	13:00	14:15
Tuesday 22nd	10:15	11:30	13:00	14:15
Wednesday 23rd	10:15	11:30	13:00	14:15
Thursday 24th	10:15	11:30	13:00	14:15
Friday 25th	10:15	11:30	13:00	14:15

Book online, at the climbing wall reception or call us on 01752606900 option 4



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# Collective Worship

We have continued to focus on our value of **resilience** over the last 2 weeks. We have been exploring the 'power of YET' through considering what it means to have a fixed or growth mindset. We have all been set the challenge to use 'YET' to turn a fixed mindset into a growth mindset.

**How has 'YET' helped you to approach new challenges?**

## Dates for your diaries:

- 18.02.22 Last day of school before half term break.
- 19-28.02.22 Half term holiday.
- 28.02.22 First day of new half term.
- 03.03.22 World Book Day
- 18.03.22 Red Nose Day
- 08.04.22 Last day of school before Easter break.
- 25.04.22 Non pupil day
- 26.04.22 First day of summer term.



**School Meals**



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