



Notes from the Vale

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Welcome from Mr Lewis-Cole

We are racing towards the end of the first half term in school - where has that time gone? It has been great to see many trips and visits taking place this week as topics come to an end. The excitement of pupils to be going out and about in our community is always infectious. You will see within this Notes from the Vale some examples of these visits and the enjoyment had by all.

It has been wonderful to start our school tours for foundation pupils starting in September 2024. We still have many tour dates coming up so if you know someone due to start school next September, please let them know so that they can come along.

Harvest

You will have received, this week, a letter about our upcoming Harvest Festival. This is taking place next week on Wednesday and, as is tradition, we are asking families to support our festival by donating food items. These donations will be shared between St Paul's church and the charity Shekinah to support them in the continued good work they do for our community. We also plan to keep back a small amount of the donations to be able to provide for our families in their times of need. If you are able, please send donations into school before next Wednesday. Donations should be sent directly to classes. Thank you, in advance, for your continued generosity.

Parents' Evening

I hope that you have all now booked your parents' evening slots for next week. These are taking place on Tuesday and Thursday and give families the opportunity to find out about how the year has started. In these meetings teachers will be able to discuss how we are supporting pupils to have a successful year and for you to see for yourselves some of the work already completed by them. We are looking forward to seeing you all over these two evenings.

Outside spaces

You will have, I am sure, noticed that our outside spaces are looking in need of repair and modernisation. This has been on our mind too. We have, over the next couple of weeks, got various different companies who specialise in outdoor environments coming to visit us to see what new and exciting environments can be created. We were very sad to see the amphitheatre disappear after it became unsafe to use and the same has happened with the play equipment. However, we are hopeful that we will very shortly have firm plans in place to create new spaces for our pupils. Watch this space!

On Monday all pupils will be taking part in a whole school handball event. Events like this take part on the final Monday of each term and are always thoroughly enjoyed by everyone that takes part. Thank you to Mr Peacock for organising these events for us and to Plymouth Argyle Community Trust for running the days and for ensuring all pupils are included.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Together we are inspiring a community with a bright future.

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

Together we

Congratulations



Harris Cup
Rastar Samiei



McIver Cup
Adam Anderson



'H' Cup
Willow Grosvenor

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	96.2
Coral	95.0
Seahorses	95.6
Oysters	95.6
Mussels	96.6
Starfish	97.7

Key Stage 2

Turtles	94.7
Sunfish	86.7
Otters	96.6
Dolphins	95.0
Anglerfish	88.0
Orca	90.7
Angel Sharks	91.4
Rays	88.7



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

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

Starfish in FS/KS1

Otters in KS2

GREAT ATTENDANCE



On Time Octopus
winning class:
Seahorses

Punctuality Penguin
winning class:
Orca



celebrate

News & Events

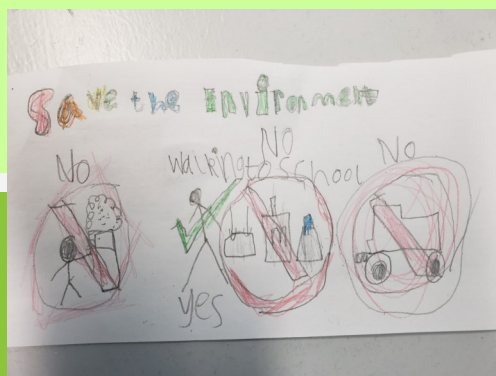
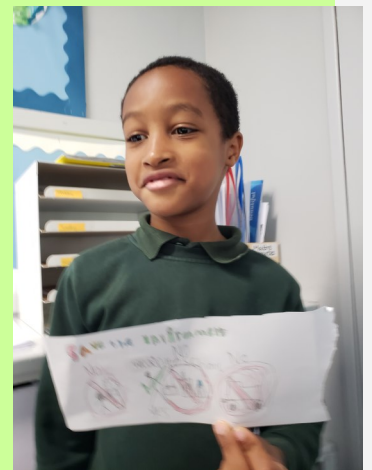
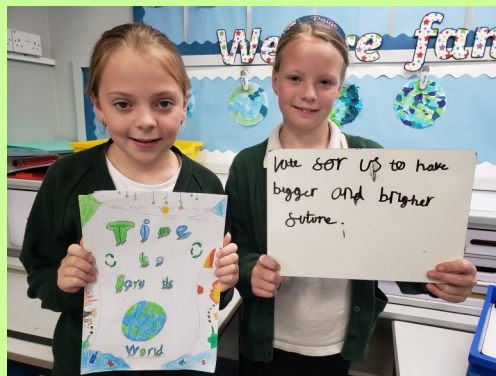


Things to talk about at home...

- Do you know any world records?
- If you were to attempt a world record, what do you think you would try to do and why?
- What do you think the benefits would be of setting or breaking a world record?



Thank you to all these fabulous children for using their own initiative and making posters to share with our school. It is great that you are thinking about the planet and finding ways to encourage your friends and family to do the same. Great work!



are musicians

Together we

Our orchestra worked hard in their weekly practice, preparing pieces for our first performance at our Harvest festival. Pieces included; The Harvest Hornpipe and the Foodie Fanfare.



We were delighted to welcome Mr Twyman from the Academy today to introduce a new music project focusing on playing handbells and working towards a Christmas performance at our Carol Service. The children were fortunate to play a short chord progression, which they performed rhythmically and with a bold tone. Mr Twyman will begin the sessions after half term.



Year 5 worked in groups to create short performances using two chords, a melody, a rhythm and a pulse. They performed them to each other.



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Archie from Year 2, enjoyed playing and showing an instrument he made in our music lesson today.

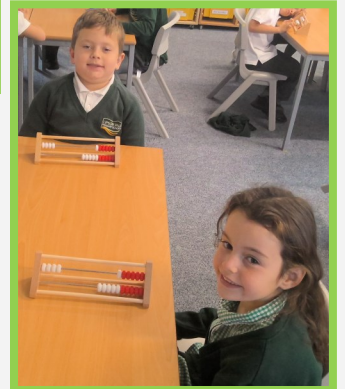


Today Ruby played a beautiful piano piece which involved a repeating chord called a drone. You played with confidence and great musical control. The assembly gave the children another chance to sing their harvest songs ready for our Harvest celebrations next week.

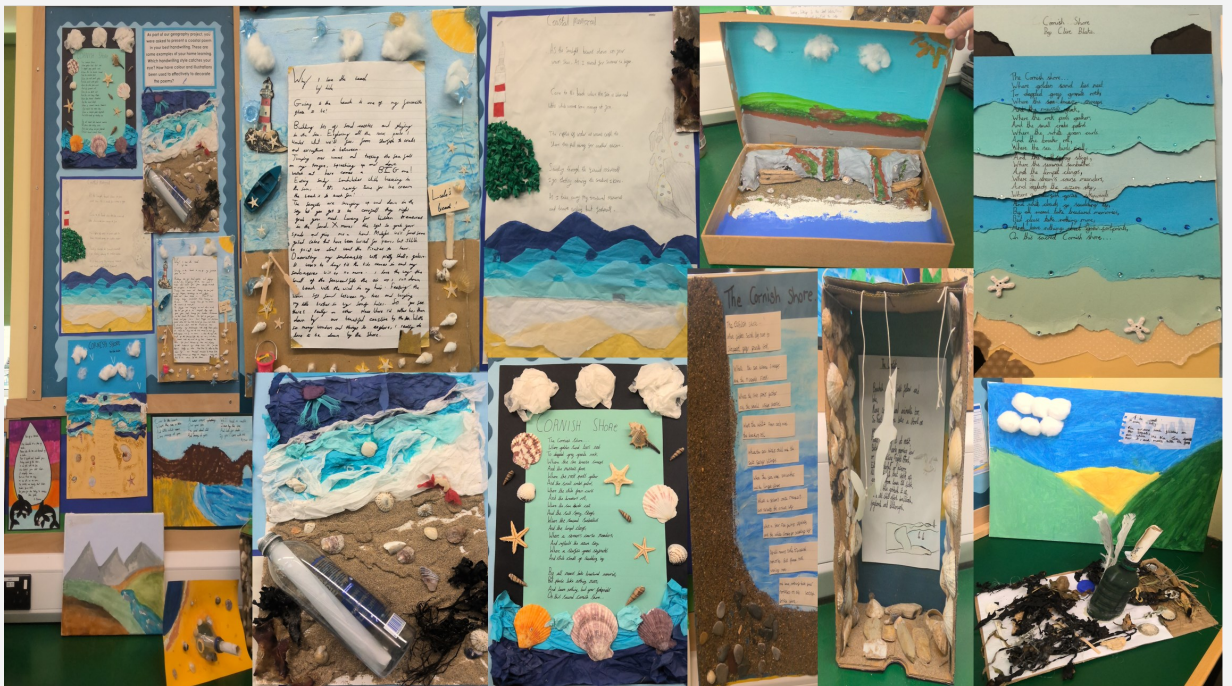
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This week in Starfish, we have been exploring our number bonds to 10. We have used ten frames, counters and Rekenreks to help us. We all worked really well with the mathematical equipment and we all noticed the patterns the number bonds to 10 have.



As part of our Geography learning about coasts this half term, Year 6 were given the opportunity to present a coastal poem of their choice in a creative and interesting way; some children even chose to write their own poems! Some of the creations that were made displayed the children's artistic talent and originality. Examples are on display in the Year 6 classrooms for everybody to admire. Here are some examples of their amazing work.



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Exploring Plymouth's Historical and Geographical Wonders!

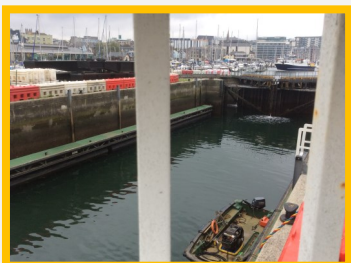
We are delighted to share our successful geography field trip taken by our Year 3 students from the Turtles and Sunfish classes. This week, our budding geographers embarked on an adventure to explore the local area of Plymouth, engaging in map work and identifying both physical and human features.

The journey began at Plymouth's historic Barbican, where the students marveled at the intricate lock leading to the marina. The lock mechanism provided a fantastic opportunity for them to observe human intervention in natural waterways and understand its significance in maritime activities.

Next, we made our way to the Mayflower Steps, where the students learned about the historic voyage of the Mayflower ship, which carried the Pilgrims to the New World in 1620. This was a fantastic opportunity to integrate history into our geography lesson, as the children discovered the significant role Plymouth played in this important event.

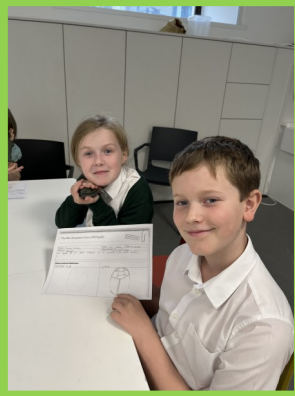
Our field trip continued with a visit to the Royal Citadel, a historic fortress that has stood guard over Plymouth for over 300 years. The students were captivated by the impressive structure and learned about its role in protecting the city from potential invaders.

Finally, we concluded our day at Smeaton's Tower, the iconic lighthouse that once stood on the Eddystone Rocks. This provided a fantastic opportunity to discuss the physical features of the coastline and the importance of lighthouses in maritime navigation.

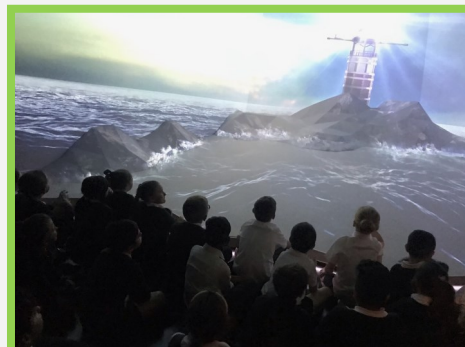
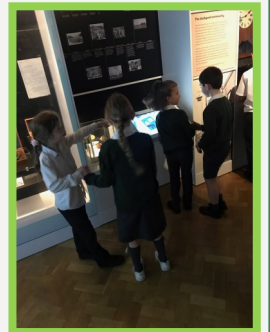


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Yesterday, Year 4 pupils had a wonderful day at The Box, undertaking a tour of the museum and learning to be assistant curators at an Ancient Egyptian workshop. The Dolphins and Otters classes had lots of fun exploring some great exhibitions and learning about how people lived in the past from the objects they left behind.



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We are Readers



Diversity in children's books.

The charity, Inclusive Books for Children, undertook a survey which found that "two thirds of minority ethnic parents struggle to find representative books to read their children." Please do have a look at their excellent website if you would like some great recommendations of high quality, inclusive children's book all in one place: [Welcome | Inclusive Books for Children | IBC](#)

Join the new Blue Peter Book Club!

In September, Blue Peter unveiled a new Book badge, designed by one of the UK's best-known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake. The Blue Peter Book badge will be awarded to children aged 5-15 who send in their thoughts on a book, draw a character or scene and share which other books and writers they love. Find out which books have been recommended for the Blue Peter Book club and how to get involved here: [Join the new Blue Peter Book Club! | Reading Agency](#)

Ways to help children become readers

At school, we strive for every child to become a confident reader and encourage our pupils to develop a love for reading. This is a fantastic article with ideas from inspirational librarians on ways to help children to discover reading for pleasure which is definitely worth a read. [Ways to help children become readers | BookTrust](#)

Happy reading



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Collective Worship

We celebrated National Poetry Day as a school during collective worship last week. Pupils explored some poetry together and discussed how they explored the theme of 'refuge' - this years' theme. They even went on to write their own poems thinking about places they go when they are looking for refuge.

This week we have been preparing for our Harvest celebrations. We have been learning our school songs and preparing our year group contributions.

What does Harvest mean to you?

Dates for your diaries:

17.10.23	Parents Evening
19.10.23	Parents Evening
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
10.11.23	Flu vaccinations
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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