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15/11/24

Attendance
98%



Head Teacher

We've had lots of visitors this week looking at learning in the Academy, including looking at books. The children have spoken about their learning and we know our next steps are to support them with spaced retrieval practice, using our learning walls, and re-engaging at the start of each lesson, to ensure it remains knowledge that sticks.

The PTFA have been in touch and are looking at opportunities to spend the money you have all raised, in the most equitable way. I have met with the Chair and we have made some initial plans to support. We spoke particularly around trips and experiences that supported the pupils in their learning.

After we have settled into this term, we will share a new trips and experiences diary for the year, to see where the PTFA can have the best impact.

As always we thank you for your support.

Realising the Possible

As part of the Trust Core offer we follow particular learning experiences to develop the best learning. In the parent survey it became apparent that not everyone was aware of what we do and that this maybe is not as clear on our website as it could be. We use Read, Write inc for our synthetic phonics alongside sentence builders. For Maths we follow the White Rose maths for mixed age, TT Rockstars (KS2) and Numbersense (KS1) for mathematics. We will reshare what pupils learn and from next week newsletters will have greater clarity on what is being learned this week and the next.

Removing Barriers

We have been working hard in the academy to target pupils who may need that little extra help. Whether it is sensory breaks, interventions or the best teaching we are always trying to support them to make the incremental steps in their learning.

We are so proud to be in the top 10% in Devon for our attendance and I know this has been a challenge for many of you working and making the hard decisions about your child being well enough. We are so grateful you trust us with them.

Sense of Belonging

I was privileged to see the buddy bench being used by pupils this week and was so proud of our older children looking after some of our younger members. They were so quick to support and help it was lovely to see.

Event	Class/Year	Date	Contact
Flu Vaccinations	R-Y6	Thursday 21st November	Office
Non-Uniform Day in aid of the Dunsford Christmas Fair	All	Friday 29th November	PTFA
Christmas Lunch	All	Wednesday 11th December	Office
Panto—Cinderella	R-Y6	Friday 13th December	Mr Bird
Nativity	All	Tuesday 17th December (time TBC)	Office



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Robins



STAR of the WEEK



SPORTS STARS:
Beatrice



Levi

This was our first full week in Robins, and all the children have been coming into school happy and eager to start their learning. This week, we learned about Remembrance and enjoyed creating poppy pictures together.

We also loved exploring our beautiful woodlands on our regular nature walks, where we spotted leaves of various sizes and collected a range of items for our class mud kitchen.

Next week, we'll be discussing why we have darker mornings and evenings, connecting this to our learning about the moon and space. Over the coming weeks, we will also explore different materials and would love to engage in some junk modelling.

If you have any clean recycling items, please send them in! We are especially looking for:

- Plastic bottles & caps
- Milk jugs
- Egg cartons
- Yoghurt pots
- Scrap paper
- Old magazines & newspapers
- Toilet paper & kitchen towel rolls
- Fabric scraps
- Aluminium foil



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Kingfishers

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Clementine

STAR of the WEEK

SPORTS STARS:
Jasper and Wilbur & Meryn and Hamish

In maths we have begun learning the names of 3D shapes and went on a shape hunt around school. We have been finding lots of shapes all around us! We will be learning more about how 3D shapes' edges, faces and vertices next.

We have continued with our daily handwriting, RWInc. and our build a sentence is continuing to be based on one of our favourite 5 focus books: *The snail and the whale*.

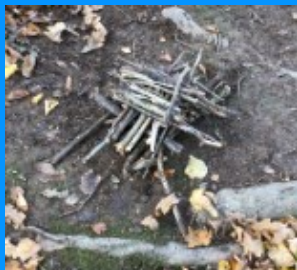
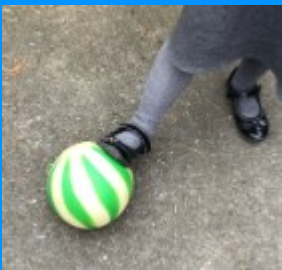
In music this week, we learnt some new songs. More information about our performance will be coming soon!

In science we are learning about materials! We have also discussed how we are going to make our moving-parts cards for our Design and Technology.

Talk to us about our fun at forest school!

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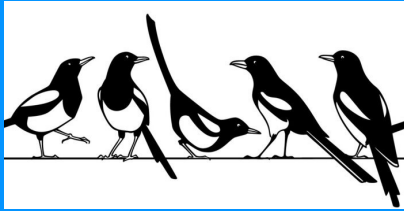




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Magpies

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Flora



STAR of the WEEK



SPORTS STARS:
Zoe, Quinn, Ida, Bo

It has been a wonderful week in Magpies! They have impressed me with their problem-solving skills in maths, demonstrating their growing confidence and accuracy using column methods to solve both addition and subtraction. They were especially enthralled whilst exploring ‘Subtraction Surprise’ and trying to find exceptions to the rule – their determination and perseverance shone.

In English, the children have been writing a non-fiction, persuasive brochure to encourage people to visit Skara Brae, they have used a variety of literary devices such as alliteration as well as demonstrating their historical knowledge about life in Neolithic times.

In PE, everyone showed great sportsmanship whilst playing a playground version of bench ball. They worked well in teams attacking, defending, encouraging and supporting each other to be the best that they could be!

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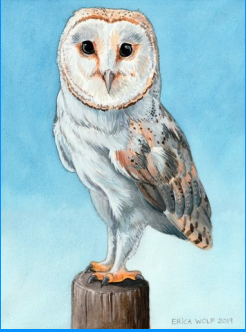


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Barn Owls



Eliza



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**SPORTS STARS:
Penelope, Dasha, Tabitha**

Barn Owls have been working incredibly hard this week on all aspects of their learning, thinking about their presentation, productivity and being proud of their learning.

In computing we have been looking at designing our websites. We started this week by looking at the features on a website and what would make a good website. We decided an easy to navigate with easy to follows tabs to help us find information quickly.

In Geography, we have continued to investigate maps and what they can be used for. This week we have been looking at the different marks on a map such as the longitude and latitude lines as well as where the equator would be.

In English, we have continued to write our persuasive letters based on the book 'Kick'. We have been thinking about how some companies make football merchandise and how sometimes children are made to work in the factories where these items of clothing are made.

In PE we have continued to look at football and how we can improve our team skills by passing the ball effectively within our team. Everyone worked really hard to keep possession of the ball within their team by passing within it- they worked together as a team so well!

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