



Dear Parents/carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a great festive break and enjoyed time with your loved ones.

The children have settled back into school well and have been working hard cramming lots of work and fun into their 3-day week! They have completed their elicitation tasks for their new English writing units, they have started to earn points towards their new AR targets and have begun to set their own dreams and goals for the year ahead.

Years 5 and 6 had a rowing workshop from PSSP on Thursday morning and absolutely loved it – we hope to have encouraged some Steve Redgrave's or Helen Glover's of the future!

As we all return to school, the Winter bugs are spreading again already. Please can I remind you that unless it is a sickness or diarrhoea illness where we know your child will be off for 48hours, then you must call or text the school office every day. As part of our safeguarding duty, we need to know each day where your child is and when to expect them back in school. You can text via teachers2parents or call the absence line and leave a message at any point, even the night before is fine as we will pick it up when we arrive at school in the morning. We kindly request that you do this before 9.30am as we do call to ask about any children, we haven't received a message about.

I hope you have a good weekend, despite the rain that has been forecast!

R. Baptiste

Foundation: This week we have been exploring challenge. We used fruit gums and cocktail sticks to make cubes and set other challenges for our friends to achieve. We have also been exploring the characters in our story and explaining why the baby owls made such a fuss when Mummy owl returned home.

Year 1: We have begun our new English unit based upon the traditional tale The Three Little Pigs. We explored different versions of the story and used our oracy stems to compare the similarities and differences.

Year 2: This week year two have found a mysterious looking egg and we are keeping it safe in our classroom. We have written a set of instructions on how to look after the egg. We think it might be a dragon egg!

Year 3: In science, we have started a new unit on 'Light'. We hid inside Miss King's dark cupboard and used our light sources (torches) to help us see. We discussed how we need light to help us see and put this to the test by having objects hidden inside 'feely bags' and wore blindfolds to stop the light from going into our eyes. We then had to guess what the objects were without being able to see them. The objects were then revealed. It was a fun introduction to this unit

Year 4: we were learning how to multiply 3 numbers in the most efficient way. We have learned to make multiples of 10 or to leave a 'multiply by 2' until the end because it is easy to double 2 numbers. For example, if we had to multiply $2 \times 9 \times 5$, we would multiply 2×5 first to make 10 then multiply the 10 by the 9 to make 90. This is the most efficient method. Or if we had $2 \times 3 \times 8$, we would do 3×8 which equals 24 and then double it to make 48. How would you multiply $4 \times 8 \times 5$ in the most efficient way?

Year 5: This week we have been learning about Fractions (adding and subtracting). In our new Science topic we are learning about space, is the Earth flat or spherical? What do you think?

Year 6: We have begun looking at inspirational, successful women in Science, during English lessons. They have overcome great difficulties and still succeeded in life. We are looking forward to researching our own choice of inspirational person and writing a biography.

Dates to remember:

06/01/2023 - @ 6pm. An email will be sent, this email will contain the sporting afterschool clubs links. Please make sure all debts are cleared before making new bookings.

09/01/2023 – KS1 Games club and Dodgeball KS2 Sporting afterschool clubs start.

13/01/2023 – KS2 Football Sporting afterschool clubs start.

10/02/2023 - Mufti for food bank – Cash donations.

21/02/2023 - Foundation & Yr 6. Please remember to return the height and weight paperwork if you wish to opt **OUT**.

A big well done to our learners of the week:

Foundation: - L.McCoulough
Year 1: B.Goodwin
Year 2: S.Howells
Year 3: F.Peet
Year 4: D.Bejan
Year 5: J.Sheridan
Year 6: L.Rees

This week's attendance winners are:

Year 3

Well done !!!



NB:

Plymouth Argyle are offering a FREE 2-week trial for their Netball Provisions running at Stoke Damerel & Plympton Academy, if you are interested, please follow this link.

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