

AUSTIN FARM

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Newsletter 22/09/2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have reached the end of week 3 which was the new EYFS children's first full week in school and what a busy week it was!

Please see below to find out what your children have been learning.

I hope the KS2 children have been telling you all about their History, Geography and RE lessons in our new Opening Worlds curriculum - the teachers tell me they have learnt some new things too and as I walk past the classes I have even picked up a few facts! Do you know which country the source of the

River Nile is in? Why did the pharaoh of Egypt have a double crown? How many verses does the epic poem about Rama's life have? Ask your children if they can remember!

The sporting after school clubs began this week and the children thoroughly enjoyed being active in football, gymnastics and multi-skills sessions. Thank you all for paying the club fees on time.

School dinners: As mentioned last week the new school lunch menu is now in place and the feedback from the children (and staff) about the delicious home-cooked meals has been positive. Please note that school packed lunches are limited to the packed lunch option as stated on the menu and we are still able to offer jacket potatoes.

Today, the children wore denim to school to raise money for "Jeans for Genes". We support this charity every year and Mrs Hill took an informative assembly on Monday telling the children all about the great work it does and the families that it helps. We have raised £70 so far; we will still accept donations on Monday if you forgot to bring money today.

Press release: Keep an eye out for an article sharing our fantastic OFSTED news in the local papers. We are very proud of our school and want as many people to know it as possible!

EYFS Open Days: I am already busy showing prospective parents and children around our fantastic school ready for September next year. If you know anyone with a child who will be starting school next year, please let them know they can come for a tour. The dates are on the flyer below as well as on our Facebook page. They just need to call to book a place.

Advance notice - Foodbank collection.

Once again for our Harvest festival this year we are collecting for the Plymouth Foodbank. Their food donations are significantly down at this time with demand higher than ever; they would appreciate the following items:

Long-life Fruit Juice

UHT Milk

Tinned Meat

Tinned Fish

Tinned Fruit

Tinned Custard / Rice Pudding

Tinned Tomatoes

Pasta Sauces

Cereal

Biscuits

Jams / Choco Spread / Peanut Butter

Coffee

Tolietries (Toothpaste, Shower Gel, Deodrants, Shampoo etc)

Please start sending your donations in from Monday 2nd October. Our Harvest Festival will be on Monday 16th October when the food will be blessed by Reverend Ann and Andrew from the Foodbank will come to collect our donations.

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Ruth Baptiste

Foundation: We have started learning the sounds m, a and s. We are reading the sounds and trying really hard to write the letters. We have learnt how to change the shape of our playdough in dough disco and are learning how to tidy everything away during tidy up time.



1 - Dough Disco!

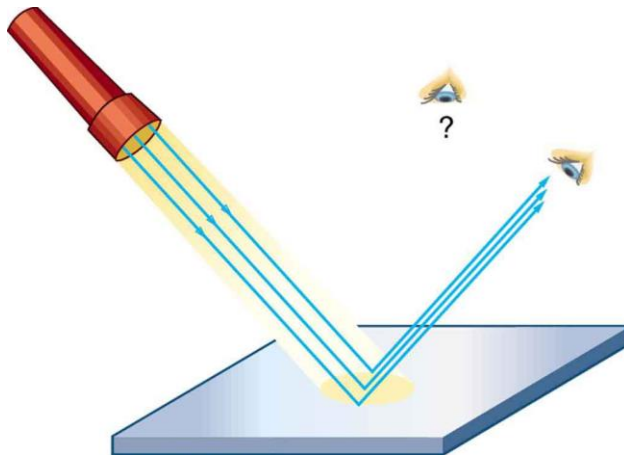
Year 1: We have been planning our new gingerbread men stories with new characters and exciting alternative word choices for said and run. We are planning and saying our sentences out loud then checking that we have remembered all parts using our writing toolkits.



Year 2: This week year 2 have been using their maths knowledge to partition numbers into their tens and ones. We have been using a part whole model as well as equipment to support us. It's been really fun and we've all worked hard getting to grips with the new maths concepts.



Year 3: This week we have been getting stuck into science, learning all about our topic of light. We have looked at reflective and non-reflective materials to design a book bag. Well done Year 3!

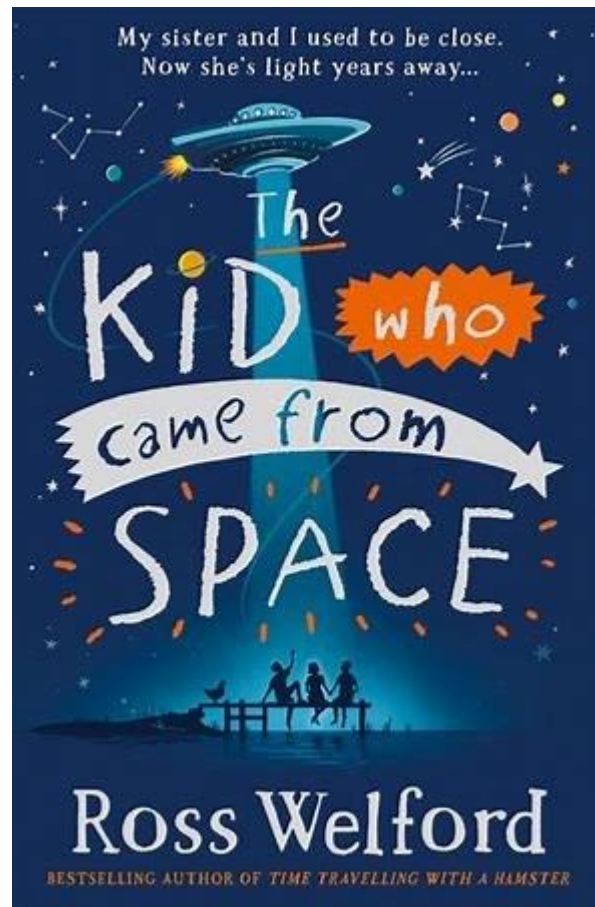


Year 4/5: This week the children have been deepening their knowledge about the River Indus. In PE we have been working on our map reading skills and were locating checkpoints on a map during our orienteering lesson!

Well done Year 4/5!



Year 6: This week we have been learning different ways to vary our sentence openers resulting in some lovely sentences which will really interest the reader. We have begun our class read, *The Kid Who Came From Space* and are LOVING it!



Learners of the week, well done everyone!!

Foundation: R.Abassi

Year 1: A.Taylor

Year 2: A.Hayward

Year 3: R.Paul

Year 4/5: P.Willis

Year 6: C.O'Riley

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The attendance award goes to year 1 for getting 100% this week.



2 - Fantastic job everyone!!

Dates to remember!!!



16/10/23 - Foodbank collection & Harvest Festival - please start donating food any time from 2nd October - details to follow.

Menu Week 2

Week One					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Freshly Prepared Margarita Pizza	The Norse Beef Burger in a Bap with Homemade Salsa	Roast Chicken with Stuffing	Freshly Prepared Beef Bolognaise	Battered Fish Fillet
Option 2 (v)	Quorn Burger in a Bap with Relish	Quorn Hot Dog in roll with Relish	Freshly Prepared Vegetable Lentil Loaf	Mediterranean Vegetable Bolognaise	Vegetable Fingers
Sides	Baked Beans Crunchy Salad Herby Diced Potatoes	Sweetcorn, Homemade Coleslaw, Jacket Potato Wedges	Fresh Broccoli Fresh Carrots Roast or New Potatoes & Gravy	Green Beans Wholewheat Spaghetti & Crusty Bread	Baked Beans or Crunchy Vegetable Sticks Wholemeal Pasta or Chips
And for pudding	Flapjack	Apple & Cinnamon Muffin	Organic Pip Ice Lolly	Chocolate Surprise Brownie	Homemade Custard Biscuit
Packed lunch	Falafel, Spinach & Mango Chutney in a Wrap	Mini Ploughman's	Tuna Mayo & Cucumber Wrap	Cheese & Salad Sandwich	Ham & Salad Baguette
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Bread and Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternatives				
Week starting:	17/04/23—08/05/23—05/06/23—26/06/23—17/07/23—18/09/23—09/10/23				

Week Two					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Freshly Prepared Mac & Cheese	Lemon Herb Chicken	Honey Roast Gammon & Pineapple	Norse's Butchers Sausages	Fishtastic Wrap
Option 2 (v)	Freshly Prepared Roasted Vegetables Pasta Bake	Homity Pie	Homemade Cheese & Leek Parcels	Vegetarian Sausages	Halloumi Pizzola
Sides	Green Beans, Fresh Sliced Carrots, & Crusty Bread	New Potatoes, Green Salad or Corn on the cob	Fresh Broccoli Fresh Carrots Roast or New Potatoes & Gravy	Baked Beans, Tomatoes & Hash Browns	Baked Beans or Crunchy Vegetable Sticks Wholemeal Pasta or Chips
And for pudding	Berry Pancakes	Summer Fruit Salad	Gelato (Arctic Roll)	Chocolate Mousse	Organic Pip Ice Lolly
Packed lunch	Egg Mayo & Cress Sandwich	Cheese & Salad Sandwich	Fish Finger Roll	BBQ Jackfruit & Lettuce Wrap	Ham & Salad Sandwich
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Bread and Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternatives				
Week starting:	24/04/23—15/05/23—12/06/23—03/07/23—04/09/23—25/09/23—16/10/23				

Week Three					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Homemade Cheese Wheels	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	Roast Loin of Pork & Apple Sauce	Bubble Salmon	Fish Fingers
Option 2 (v)	Quorn Sausages	Veggie Balls in Tomato Sauce	Veggie Roast	Vegetable Enchilada	Sweet Potato, Spinach & Feta Frittata
Sides	Baked Beans, Peas & Herby Diced Potatoes	Green Beans, Wholewheat Spaghetti & Crusty Bread	Fresh Broccoli Fresh Carrots Roast or New Potatoes & Gravy	Stir fry Vegetables & Potato Salad	Baked Beans or Crunchy Vegetable Sticks Wholemeal Pasta or Chips
And for pudding	Orange & Sultana Oaty Cookie	Chocolate Cracknel	Fruit Jelly	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Organic Pip Ice Lolly
Packed lunch	Egg Mayo & Salad Sandwich	Cheese & Salad Roll	Tuna Mayo & Salad Sandwich	Jays Sausage Roll & Veggie Sticks	Ham & Salad Baguette
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Home Baked Bread and Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternatives				
Week starting:	01/05/23—22/05/23—19/06/23—10/07/23—11/09/23—02/10/23				

Term time holidays- - Is it worth it ?



Three of our families have now been issued fines from Plymouth County Council due to taking their child/ren out of school during term time. Please follow the link below to understand the charges and potential legal action that these holidays can result in.

[Penalty notices for absence from school | PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK](https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/penalty-notices-for-absence-from-school)

Attendance.

Every moment in school counts, and days missed add up quickly. The higher a child's attendance, the more they are likely to learn, and the better they are likely to perform in exams and formal assessments. We are implementing new procedures to help parents get their children to school.

Do you know your child's attendance ?

95% Attendance - 2 whole weeks of school missed.

90% Attendance - 4 whole weeks of school missed.

85% Attendance - 6 whole weeks of school missed.

80% Attendance - 8 whole weeks of school missed.

75% Attendance - 9 plus whole weeks of school missed.

5 minutes late, does it really matter ?



Lateness = Lost Learning

(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

- **5 Minutes late each day - 3 days lost**
- **10 Minutes late each day - 6.5 days lost**
- **15 Minutes late each day - 10 days lost**

- 20 Minutes late each day - 13 days lost
- 30 Minutes late each day - 19 days lost

Term dates

WeST Term Dates

| 2023 to 2024

Aug 2023						
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Jul 2024						
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Important dates

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To view this calendar with all formatting and layout, on the View tab, choose Reading View.

Autumn Term Dates Monday 4 September to Friday 20 October then Monday 30 October to Tuesday 19 December

Term 1 33 days Term 2 36 days School NPD Monday 4 WeST NPD Tuesday 5 September WeST NPD Monday 30 October

Spring Term Dates Wednesday 3 January to Friday 9 February then Monday 19 February to Thursday 28 March

Term 3 28 days Term 4 28 days WeST NPD Monday 19 February

Summer Term Dates Monday 15 April to Friday 24 May then Monday 3 June to Tuesday 23 July

Term 5 29 days Term 6 35 days School NPD Monday 22/23 July

Three Trust NPD's and three school NPD's. 189 teaching days in total.

Peach – holiday periods, Purple weekends, Green Trust NPD's, Blue School NPD's.

Children's NHS Dentist

Children's Appointments!

NHS SpaDental South-West

SpaDental Plymouth and SpaDental Saltash
invite children under 12 years of age
for NHS appointments
Book an appointment today!



To book an appointment, or for more information, please scan the QR code or visit the link:
<https://www.spadental.co.uk/for-patients/spadental-south-west-children/>
to complete the "contact us" form.

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SpaDental Saltash: 77 Fore St, Saltash, PL12 6AF

Help your child keep healthy teeth for life.



Jeans 4 Genes Photo's











