

AUSTIN FARM

Academy

Newsletter 06/10/2023

Dear parents/carers,

What lovely weather we have finished the week with, much to the relief of our Year 6 cyclists who endured changeable weather at the start of the week!

Bikeability - this week our Year 3's had a taster session, EYFS completed their balance bike course and Year 6 completed level 1 or level 2 training. They all thoroughly enjoyed it and we are pleased to fund this experience out of our Sport's premium funding, meaning no cost for parents. This is especially

important for our Year 6's who might be cycling to school next year when they go to their secondary schools.

Secondary School Admissions is open! Year 6 parents you have all been sent an admissions link to apply for your child's secondary school place; the deadline for this is 31st October and so far 13 of you have done this. If you are having any difficulties accessing the link please contact the admin team or Mrs Gilbert for support.

Harvest Foodbank Collection - We have had a few donations and our harvest display will be put in the hall next week. Please send in your donations to your class teacher. On Monday 16th October Andrew from the foodbank will come in to collect the goods, let's see if we can beat last year's display! See below for the list of items they would like.

Swearing - Unfortunately, we are having to deal with an increasing number of incidents of children swearing in school. Please support us to prevent this by being mindful of the language they hear at home, e.g. remind any older siblings (particularly teenagers) or friends who may come round the house that young ears hear everything and they are not always aware of the meaning of the words they are repeating. Please be aware that swearing on school premises is not acceptable, our young, impressionable children should not be hearing swearing or unkind words between adults on the playground.

KS2 break time snacks - We encourage healthy eating at school, please only provide fruit or vegetables for breaktime snacks. This continues the good habits they developed in KS1 (when free fruit or vegetables were provided for them). Please do not send in biscuits, crisps, yoghurts, cheese or processed forms of fruit, such as fruit snakes, as these often contain extra sugar or preservatives.

I hope you all enjoy the sunny weather that is predicted for the weekend.

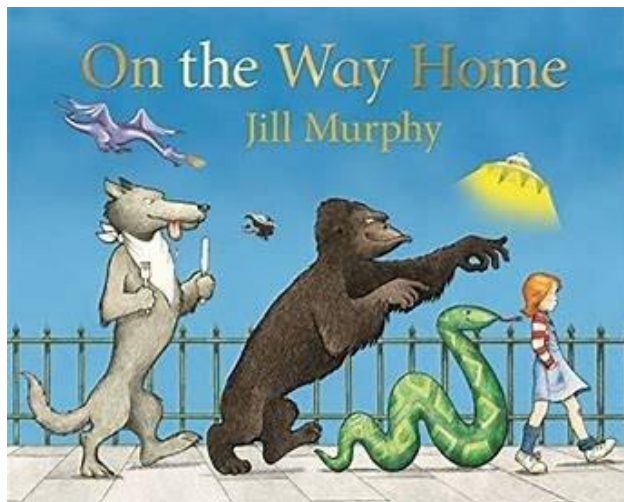
Mrs Baptiste





Foundation: We have been learning about more, fewer and the same in maths. We are trying really hard to touch each counter as we count and are starting to see groups in familiar arrangements. Our new story is called 'On the way home'. In the story Claire hurts her knee and tell us all these stories about how she hurt it. We are now really good at saying things like "How did you hurt it?" and "That's dreadful!" We have learnt the sounds g o and c so far this week.

[Bing Videos](#)



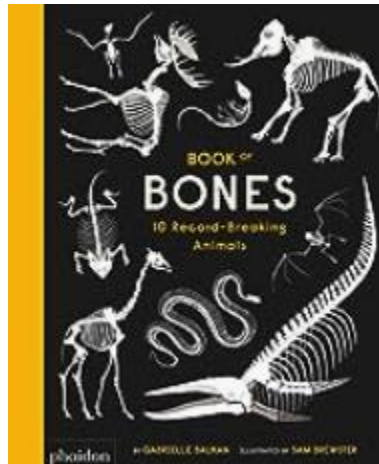
Year 1: We have been sequencing numbers first using a number line and then trying without. We have also loved exploring our story 'On the way home'. We have been writing questions using a question mark and have also tried out writing new captions for the story using two adjectives like, 'the black, hairy giant'. In science we have been testing our hearing receptors to see if we recognise musical instrument sounds without looking at the instruments. We have been surprised by how good our ears are at sending messages to our brain. We also know why we have wax in our ears now. Please ask your child why.



Year 2: We have been learning all about the different human and physical features that can be found on different continents during our 'Where in the world are we?' topic this term. We have looked at waterfalls and rivers as well as man made features like the Eiffel tower.

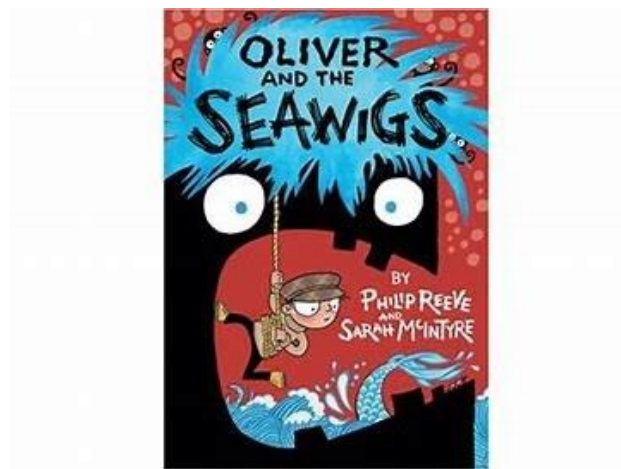


Year 3: In maths this week, we have started our new unit on addition and subtraction. We have been learning how to add and subtract in the hundred's, tens and ones columns of the place value grid whilst also recognising how the number becomes larger when we add and smaller when we subtract. In English, we have taken our research about the pagolin from last week and have written our own "Guess Who?" page in the style of the book of bones. We have created some exciting questions and included our interesting facts to really hook the reader. We will started to research our own animal independently next week, ready for our final write.



Year 4/5: We have all been working hard in computing and learning how website results are ranked. They have been reading Oliver and the Seawigs this week in readiness for our new English unit.

Year 5 have been continuing to impress Mrs Baptiste with their maths, particularly adding and subtracting using the column method, including exchanging. Please practise your number bonds at home, this will eliminate calculation mistakes.



Year 6: This week, we have been taking part in bikeability where we are either learning how to ride a bike and/or learning how to ride safely on roads/pavements. I know the children have really enjoyed this and it is a life-skill which will benefit them into adulthood. In English, we have begun looking at Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and used the subjunctive form to say what our wish would be if we were Chitty. This is in

preparation for our new English unit based on the book “Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and the Race Against Time”.



1 - [Bing Videos](#)

Learners of the week, well done everyone!!

Foundation: G.Hendry

Year 1: E. McGowan-Metters

Year 2: G.Morgan

Year 3: P.Curran

Year 4/5: J.Cater

Year 6: H.Wilson

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



2 - Fantastic job everyone!!

Dates to remember!!!



16/10/2023 - Foodbank collection & Harvest Festival - please give your donations to the class teacher by Friday 13th October

20/10/2023 - Last day of half term.

30/10/2023 - Non pupil day.

31/10/2023 - Children to return to school.

31/10/2023 - Children can dress up in Halloween costumes. No scary masks.

17/11/2023 - Children in Need Day - Details to follow.

Dress up for Halloween - 31/10/2023



Children can dress up in Halloween costumes. No scary masks, if we feel the mask is too scary for the little ones, we will ask your child to remove the mask and it will be kept in the school office until the end of the day.

Children in Need day 17/11/2023



3 - Your child can come to school wearing something spotty!

Harvest festival suggested donations. Final day to bring in is Friday 13th October 2023.



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

Toiletries (Toothpaste, Shower Gel, Deodorants, 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.

Menu Week 1

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	Haloumi 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					

Social Media



Whilst it has been amazing to share are "GOOD" news on Social Media, we cant help but notice that a number of our children have accounts/profiles on Social Media. We advise parents/carers that there is an age restriction on Social Media and encourage you to be cautious.

Term time holidays- - Is it worth it ?



Mulitple 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.

[School attendance and absence | PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK](https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/school-attendance-and-absence)

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

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Important dates

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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.

SpaDental Plymouth: 2 Hyde Park Rd, Mutley, PL3 4RJ
SpaDental Saltash: 77 Fore St, Saltash, PL12 6AF

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