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Spring 1 - 2022- Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all safe and well and have had a good start to the new year! Since returning to school following the Christmas holidays it has been wonderful to see the engagement, enthusiasm and passion in the children for their learning, there is a busyness in the classrooms with a real sense of purpose. As well as the children gaining subject knowledge they are carefully thinking about, and reflecting on, how what they learn has an impact on them and those around them.

One of the areas of the curriculum that we have been focusing on this academic year has been reading. We have been talking about, sharing and discussing books and encouraging the children to read as much as they can as they develop a love of reading. Our key Stage 1 children have spent time in the quiet courtyard and reading areas at lunchtime, while our Reception classroom has undergone a make-over giving the children a new book area, which the children love spending time in. If there are any parents or carers who have any spare time and would like to volunteer to read and share books with children please do contact the school office.

Following the half term break we will begin thinking about being scientists. The children will be focusing on the skills that a scientist needs, along with learning new scientific subject knowledge that they will build on throughout the school.

The past 20 months have been extremely challenging for many families, I would like to thank you all for your support towards the school and our community throughout this time.

Best Wishes

Cristy Nelson



Our School Ethos



Vision & Values

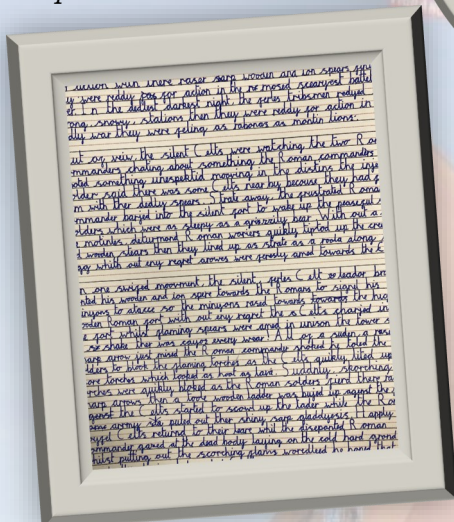
“Life in all its fullness.”

This half term our focus is on **EXPLORATION**. We are thinking about how we **seek challenges** as we **aspire** to be the **best versions of ourselves**. As part of our Church School Values we have been thinking about what we are **passionate** about and how we show this



Malu and Elsie have been challenging themselves in maths when exploring money.

Kara aspired to be the best writer she could when she created her amazing Roman v Celts setting description.



Beth has been seeking challenges in all of her learning. She has worked incredibly hard and has been an inspiration



Elsie and Ted French visited Ash Hole Cave in Brixham to support Class 3's campaign to preserve it.



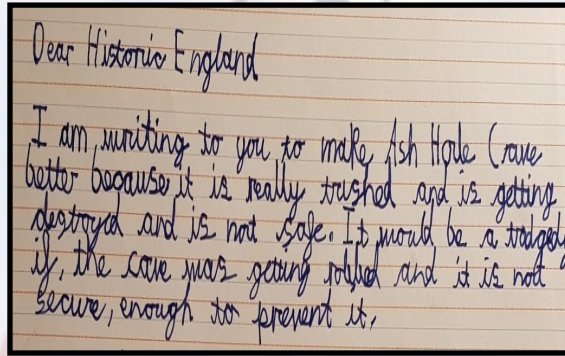
The children have been thinking about how they can aspire to be the best versions of themselves, they have been helping each other and being great role models

Next half term we will be thinking about **EXPRESSION**. We will be thinking about how we gain confidence to present ourselves in an honest and insightful way that reflects what we value. We will be focusing on our Church School value of **HONESTY** and how we share our thoughts and feelings with others.

Our Learning



In Class 1 we have been exploring our new reading room.



Class 3 wrote letters to Historic England campaigning to preserve Ash Hole Cave in Brixham.



Class 3 visited Kent's Cavern to learn about the Stone Age.



In Reception we have been learning about people's roles in society. We thought carefully about a job we would like to do that we feel passionate about.



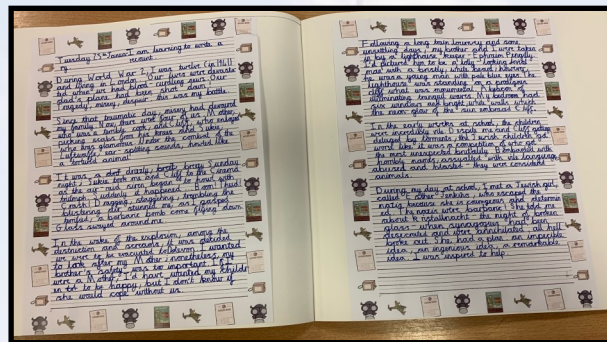
Class 2 have been learning about the Great Fire of London.



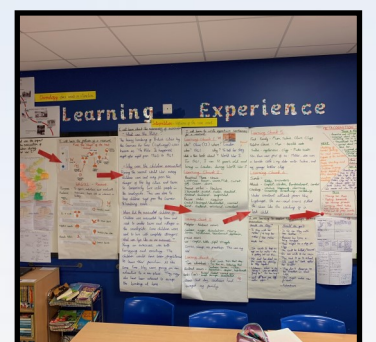
The Pre-School children have been learning about aspiration by reading and discussing the story, Giraffes Can't Dance.



Year 5 had a debate about the Ancient Greeks' different ways of ruling their city-states.



Year 6 have written recounts from the perspective of a WW2 Evacuee.



Year 6's Learning Experience—Evacuation in World War 2.

What our children say...

This term, we have been busy being historians and learning about the experiences of children during World War 2, looking deeper into an evacuee child's perspective and writing about it. This challenged our abilities to write in greater depth and think more about their feelings and emotions. This helped us to aspire to be better citizens and help those less fortunate than us.

Pupil Voice

Events and Celebrations



Each class has elected 2 members to create our school

'Environmental Ambassadors'

We met this week to discuss our school environment and ways to maintain our grounds, improvements that we could make and ways to help save the environment. They have made an amazing start to their roles and certainly model our school values.

Well done!

Before the break, the children had great fun at school preparing for Christmas. We would like to say a huge 'Thank you to the PTFA for all of their hard work in ensuring the children had a fantastic time celebrating



Thank you Wayne!!

Mr Raddon spent time in year 3 talking about healthy eating. The children tasted some homemade soup and bread and discussed all of the ingredients that went into them.

Future Events & Dates for your diary

Friday 18th February	Break up for half term
Monday 28th February	Return to School
Tuesday 1st March	Shrove Tuesday—pancake racing
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day
Friday 18th March	Comic Relief Non-Uniform day
Monday 21st March	Parents Evening
Wednesday 23rd March	Parents Evening
Monday 4th April—Friday 8th April	Easter Activities
Wednesday 6th April	Easter Worship

All Saints Church Events

Over the past year we have been working alongside All Saints Church. Over the next few months they have a number of special services taking place which you may wish to go along to. On Saturday 5th February children will be making Christingles ready for a service on Sunday. On the 20th February there will be a Service For All followed by a shared lunch. With Mother's day just around the corner, there will be a Sunday Service on the 27th March.

Key messages from us all



Blue Reading Book Bags

This week we have started sending the book bags home. Please enjoy the hot chocolate and sharing the book that your child has brought home.



School Lunches

Please can we remind all families to pre-book children's lunches on Parent-Pay. Please discuss this with the children so that they know what has been ordered for them. Can we also ask that children come to school equipped with a full drinks bottle.

Board Games

Our Breakfast and Afterschool club are on the hunt for any board games. If you do have any at home that you no longer require, please can you drop them into the school office.



Thank you

PTFA - We need you!

We currently have an active PTFA who meet to arrange activities and share fundraising ideas. The money raised by the PTFA provides the children with fantastic opportunities such as trips, book bags, leavers hoodies, Christmas events and much more. If you would like to join us, please do let the office know. Any time you can give will be a real help and support.

Over half term, Gemma, in our Year 1 class will be doing a skydive to raise money for Mind. This is a wonderful charity that supports those struggling with mental health, if you would like to donate to help Gemma raise valuable funds, there will be collection pots in each class. Good Luck Gemma!



Attendance for weeks

06.09.21—31.01.2022

Whole School	91.95%
Year Group	% Attendance
Reception	89.50
1	90.35
2	90.83
3	94.25
4	93.32
5	93.40
6	91.59

Attendance Matters

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed
95% Attendance	9 Days Absence 1 week & 4 days of learning missed
90% Attendance	19 Days Absence 3 weeks & 4 days of learning missed
85% Attendance	28 Days Absence 5 weeks & 3 days of learning missed
80% Attendance	38 Days Absence 7 weeks & 3 days of learning missed
75% Attendance	46 Days Absence 9 weeks & 1 day of learning missed

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