



Marine Academy Primary and Nursery Newsletter November 2020

'Where Stars Shine Brighter.'

...providing an outstanding education that ensures all pupils reach their greatest potential and live by life's highest values.

Dear Parents/Carers of Marine Academy Primary and Nursery pupils, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your incredible support when fundraising for Children in Need this year! The Primary and Nursery did an amazing job and raised a total of over **£3228.69!** This is a wonderful achievement – thank you to everyone for their kind donations! During the day, the children had a brilliant time taking part in boot camp sessions and some were even recorded by BBC Spotlight! We were thrilled to have the opportunity for some of our children to speak on BBC Spotlight too and are immensely proud of them.

We are very excited to share that Marine Academy Primary are the only school in the city to have been chosen to feature in the Lord Mayor's Virtual Carol Concert! Children from across the Academy will be filmed singing and signing 'It was on a Starry Night' for the event. We will confirm with you when and where this will be shown so you are able to watch too.

It is not long until the end of term now so please be aware of the arrangements that we have in place for Christmas cards, Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch etc. that are on this Newsletter; **please note that on Friday 18th December, Marine Academy Primary and Nursery will close at 1:00pm.**

We are disappointed that we will be unable to have the usual Christmas Carol Concert and Christmas Productions this year but there will be some lovely surprises that we will share with you towards the end of term to help get you into the Christmas spirit. Don't forget to don your Christmas jumpers too on Christmas Jumper Day if you have one!

It is going to be a super end to term and we look forward to sharing this with you so please do keep an eye on the Marine Academy Primary Facebook page.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. Siobhan Meredith

FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

8th December: Christmas Video recording – children to all bring in a Christmas accessory (headband, tinsel or Santa hat) to wear

11th December: Christmas Jumper Day – children to wear muffs with Christmas jumpers and bring a donation for Plymouth Foodbank please

16th December: Christmas Lunch – children can wear Santa hats or Christmas headbands with their uniform

18th December: Last Day of Term 2 – Children to wear muffs for their Class Christmas Parties

Term Dates



Term 2

Last day of school: 18th December 2020 (at 1:00pm for Marine Academy Primary and Nursery)

Term 3

First day of school: 5th January 2021
Last day of school: 12th February 2021

Term 4

First day of school: 22nd February 2021
Last day of school: 1st April 2021

Term 5

First day of school: 19th April 2021
Bank Holiday: 3rd May 2021
Last day of school: 28th May 2021

Term 6

First day of school: 9th June 2021
Last day of school: 21st July 2021



New *this* Month

Year 1 – This month the children in Year 1 have continued to show resilience and focus in their learning. They have engaged in some brilliant Geography learning in which they have undertaken brilliant fieldwork. The children used their orienteering skills to find hidden objects around the school and had a go at drawing maps of the school. The children have also acted as super scientists, exploring the human body and testing their senses. During SMSC learning, the children discussed kindness and have been showing this throughout the term. The children showed fantastic maturity and respect when creating poppy wreaths for Remembrance Day, they participated in the two minutes silence impeccably. Keep up the good work, Year 1!

Reception – Reception have blasted off into Space this term by immersing themselves into all things out of this world. Thank you for all your wonderful Space projects and creations which have transformed our classrooms. We can tell that a lot of fun and hard work have gone into them. We have been so impressed with the children's knowledge and understanding of planets and this has shone through during their role playing. The children have enjoyed using their understanding of Phonics to read and write words. We hope that you are enjoying reading with your children at home as much as we are in school! So far this term, the children have taken part in a virtual Space event where they learnt facts, heard a story about the stars and found an Alien! We are looking forward to our Space Day on the 10th December. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 3 – This term, Year 3 have engaged in lots of new topics! They have been busy learning all about Villages, Towns and Cities and they even built their own cities out of Lego and Duplo! In Science, Miss Cole taught Year 3 all about how to have a balanced diet and the children engaged really well. The Year 3 remembrance wreaths looked amazing! The Year 3 classes were very respectful when they attended the remembrance assembly and they remembered lots of key facts about Remembrance Day including why we have poppies. Miss Newell and Ms Bell were so impressed when they saw Class 3JN on Spotlight for Children in Need! They took part in the Marine Boot Camp challenge amazingly and it was no wonder they made it on to the local news! Well done for raising so much money for Children in Need! Keep up the hard work Year 3!

Year 4 – What a fantastic month the Year 4 children have had! They have worked hard across the entire curriculum and have immersed themselves into their learning fantastically. The children have delved into their Geography topic 'Rivers' and have become real explorers of the World! The children were in awe of how much rivers determine our landscapes and just how much of an impact erosion can have on significant landforms. We can't wait to read their end of unit essays as we are sure they will contain some fantastic facts which they have retained. In English, the children have been looking at the non-fiction text 'Rainforest Rough Guide' which is a fact book about different animals in the Rainforest. The children then had a go at writing a fact file about Marine Academy Primary which were fantastic to read. In Maths, the children have developed their knowledge on multiplication and division (including some large calculations!). It proved to be tricky but with perseverance, the children developed a great understanding and will be able to use this knowledge in future learning across the curriculum. What a wonderful month of learning Year 4!

Year 5 – Year 5 have really packed in their learning this month! In Guided Reading, we have investigated Michael Morpurgo, the author of our termly book, Kensuke's Kingdom. What a fantastic book—the children have really enjoyed this adventure! We plotted the voyage taken in the book and delved deep into the vocabulary, plots and characters. In Maths we finished our Statistics Unit and even completed the first part of our Multiplication and Division Units. Go Year 5! We looked at factors and multiples, prime, square and cubed numbers together with multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. Amazing! In English, the children began the month focusing on Jonathan Swift's Gulliver with a 'voyage' around the school to understand how travellers may feel! We were lucky enough to have Katy Cawkwell, The Mayflower Story Teller, visit and perform for us. We heard the story of the Pilgrims' voyage from Plymouth to America. We really got a sense of how tough the voyage was. It was really entertaining and informative! The children focused on the story writing elements contained in the book. They then went on to write their own voyage and adventure stories. We then focused on a new book, The Secrets of Stonehenge. This is a non-fiction book and has helped the children identify features of a non-fiction text, including headings, sub-headings and different ways of categorising facts and information. This month, we also began our new Geography topic 'Slums', where we have found out what slums are, where slums form and where the biggest slums are located. We learned that there are many push and pull factors resulting in more than 1 billion people worldwide living in conditions not as favourable as our own. On 11th November we had a whole school Remembrance Day assembly, where we thought about all those that have lost their lives or been injured in wars and conflicts to protect our way of life. It was super to see all the children being so interested and respectful.

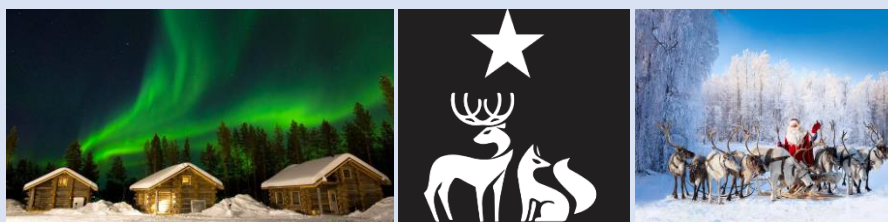
Pre-School – The children in Pre-School have really enjoyed learning their new story- 'Where's my Teddy'. They are becoming confident to retell the story with great expression and Makaton. The children have learnt all about bears' habitats, what they eat and general facts about the creatures. The children were shocked to find out that bears do not like McDonalds or even sweets and their favourite food is salmon - they can catch up to 15 salmons a day! Penguins and Puffins are excited for Christmas activities next month- stay tuned for a spectacular Christmas surprise! Thank you all for your continual support of the children's learning.

Year 2 – We are so proud of the children for their resilience as they entered another lockdown and had to adjust to another potentially tricky time, not seeing family and friends. They have worked really hard in Science, learning how to stay happy and healthy; physically and emotionally and have been so respectful during Remembrance Day and other key events such as Odd Sock Day for Anti-bullying. In Maths, the children have been really enthusiastic when learning about money. This has included solving two-step word problems, identifying coins and notes, as well as finding alternative amounts of the same values of coins. They are just about to begin their 'Multiplication and Division' unit. In English, the children have been using the book 'Daisy Doodles' as inspiration for their own fantasy stories. As well as usual foci of interesting writing and handwriting, they have been learning how to use exclamation marks and the conjunctions 'and' and 'but'. We are looking forward to their final stories! Our Geography topic 'What a wonderful world' has unlocked some amazing prior knowledge about weather and the children have been learning a really catchy song about the continents of the world. I am sure they have delighted you with this at home and it is stuck in your heads as much as it is ours! We have some incredible Home Learning projects and we love hearing how you continue to spark their interests in all subjects outside of the classroom. We cannot wait for you to see some of the fantastic Christmas cards the children have been making in Design Technology and we hope you add their Christmas decorations to your own trees with pride. Thank you for all your continued support as always, the Year 2 Team.

Nursery – This term the Nursery children have been exploring a winter wonderland. They have been discovering the texture of fake snow, exploring the Arctic tuff tray to learn where Arctic animals live, discovering animals hidden in ice and creating their very own penguins and polar bears. The Nursery children also created their own Pudsey Bears for Children In Need as well as taking part in Zumba and Joe Wicks. We also took part in making poppies for Remembrance Day and doing our two-minute silence while watching the CBeebies remembrance video.

Year 6 – Year 6 have had a great start to this term. They have been focusing on Fractions in Maths and in particular adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators and answering reasoning problems, which can be really tricky. There was also a creative writing workshop from Josephine Stories which was very useful and interesting. In Music, the children have been using the glockenspiels and xylophones to perform a piece of music, while also learning some music theory as well.

THE VIRTUAL LAKELAND LAPLAND FESTIVE CHALLENGE



Between the 10th and 18th December, children in Marine Academy Primary will be taking part in a virtual challenge. The children will be working as year groups to walk 145 miles (the equivalent of running from Rovaniemi, the capital of Lapland, to Korvatunturi, the village where Santa lives)! Each day, the children will be able to see how much closer they are along their journey. As an intra-school competition element, we will even be seeing which year group can reach Santa first! You can read more about the competition [here](#).

Mellow Mums Group

Being a mum can be tough and Home-Start's aim is to be there for parents when they need them. Mellow Mums is an informal, one-hour session, via Zoom, each week to give mums a chance to meet others and feel less isolated. It is an opportunity to chat but with no pressure to share anything that you don't want to. Home Start want the group to be led by Mums and so each week you will have a chance to tell them what you would like. It could be videos, guest speakers, information or just to chat with other people who know what you are going through. It will be facilitated by a Home Start Co-ordinator and there will be no more than 10 attendees each week.

The group is suitable for mums with a child under 2 years old and starts on Thursday 3rd December at 1pm. If you are interested in attending or would like to know more contact homestart.shpt@gmail.com and they will send you a link to access the group via Zoom using your phone, tablet, laptop or computer.

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**South &
West Devon**



Healthy Eating

Recommend A Recipe!

Here is another teacher recommending a yummy, healthy recipe for you to try at home. We would love it if you could try these recipes at home and send in a picture of you eating the recipe with your families or a food review to primary@marineacademy.org.uk

Here is a yummy, simple stir fry from Miss Newell. The recipe serves one person but can be easily adapted to increase the quantity.



Chicken Stir Fry

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 garlic clove, chopped
- 2 chicken thighs, thinly sliced
- 1/2 red pepper, seeds removed, thinly sliced
- 1 tbsp soy sauce
- 30g/1oz mangetout, green beans or sugar snap peas
- 100ml/3 1/2 fl oz chicken stock
- 1 nest of egg noodles, cooked according to the packet instructions



Method:

1. Heat the oil in a large frying pan or wok and fry the garlic and chicken, until browned all over.
2. Add the pepper to the pan and stir-fry for 2-3 minutes.
3. Stir in the soy sauce, mangetout and chicken stock.
4. Continue to stir-fry over a medium-high heat for 3-4 minutes, or until the chicken is cooked through.
5. Add in the cooked noodles and stir to combine.

Deployment Support for Children

The Royal Navy has produced a special workbook to help the children of Service people make sense of the circumstances around deployment. The workbook contains fun exercises and messages of support, but also encourages children to consider how they feel about the absence of their parent.



The workbook, titled 'When a Special Person Goes Away', is available to download for free at the link below and is suitable for any child of a serving family member regardless of which service they are part of.

<https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/community-and-support/deployment/deployment-support-for-children>

If you would like us to print a copy for you then please email the primary email account.



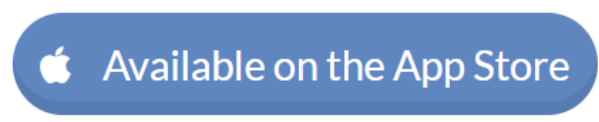
Little Troopers Treasures

Helping to keep British Armed Forces families connected through the magic of stories while away from home.

Download FREE from the APP STORE or GOOGLE PLAY

Little Troopers is a charity supporting all children with one or both parents serving in the regular or reserve British Armed Forces. The charity creates lots of resources and initiatives to support the unique challenges often faced while living military life including a story recording app. The App means that

Service personnel need to never miss story time again! Little Troopers and Harper Collins Children's Books have partnered to bring lots of carefully chosen children's books to military families to enable you to make easy, quick recordings on your tablet devices. The app will capture your face, your voice and the story book pages whilst you record, it will all then be wrapped up with love and saved as a file on your device, that can then be watched or listened to or both over and over again.



Memory Boxes for Service Children

If you are a military family who has a family member on deployment, please remember that we are able to provide you with a memory box. Memory boxes allow children to have a safe place to store their memories - this could be photos, a memento from a day out, a piece of school work, etc. These boxes can be decorated too. We are pleased to have provided some of our families with these already, parents have told us that it has made a wonderful difference to their children.



38 Things

It has been wonderful to see some of the amazing '38 Things' activities that children have been taking part in since its launch in October.

We have seen children developing new skills such as cooking, learning to tie a neck tie, making paper boats and much more. Please remember that there are many activities on the list that you can still complete even with lockdown restrictions so please do continue to work through the booklets and have fun along the way.



Here's [Google Interland](#) which is a great interactive way children can learn about online safety.

Interland is an adventure-packed online game that makes learning about internet safety interactive and fun - just like the internet itself. Here, children will help their fellow Internauts combat badly-behaved hackers, phishers, over-sharers and bullies by practising the skills that they need to be confident online explorers.

Flu Vaccination

All children who from September are in Reception to Year Six are eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination. This will be delivered at Marine Academy Primary on 9th December and will be administered adhering to all up to date Infection Control, PPE and social distancing guidance at the time. Flu vaccination is one of the most effective interventions we have to reduce pressure on the health and social care system which is going to be more important than ever this year. For this reason, it is essential that the vaccine be delivered to as many children as possible to prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society.

In light of the above, demand is expected to be high and therefore we urge you to follow the below link to consent to your child's vaccination now. Even if you do not want your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the consent form stating "no" consent. You will also find answers to your FAQs on this link.

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon>

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form please contact the Immunisation Team on: 0300 247 0082 or via Email: vcl.immunisations@nhs.net

Are there any children who shouldn't have the nasal vaccine?

Children should not have the vaccine if they are:

- severely asthmatic
- wheezy on the vaccination day
- allergic to eggs or any part of the vaccine* or
- have a condition that severely weakens their immune system

Also, children who have been vaccinated should avoid close contact with people with very severely weakened immune systems because there's an extremely remote chance that the vaccine virus may be passed to them.

Some parents and carers may have concerns about the vaccine because it contains traces of gelatin derived from pigs. There is an injected flu vaccine but, because it's not as effective as the nasal one, it's only available for high risk children who can't have the nasal vaccine for medical reasons. If you are concerned, speak to your GP to decide on the best way to protect your child.

Has the vaccine been used in other countries?

Yes; it has been used safely and successfully in America for many years.

What will happen next?

Your GP or child's school will contact you about the vaccination. Talk to your GP, practice nurse, your child's school nurse or your health visitor if you have any further questions. Or you can visit www.nhs.uk/child-flu

*search the web for 'Fluenz PIL'

5 reasons to get your child vaccinated

- There's now a safe and effective nasal spray vaccine to protect children aged two years and older against flu
- The vaccine is easy to give and painless and has been used safely in other countries for a number of years
- Flu can be a nasty illness that can lead to a stay in hospital, especially for children with other medical conditions like heart disease and diabetes
- If your child gets flu they won't be able to go to school/nursery for several days and will need to be cared for at home. You may have to take time off to look after them
- Protecting your child can stop the flu spreading to other children he/she may come into contact with, and to the rest of the family, in particular to grandparents, who may be at particular risk from flu

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Protecting your child against flu

Information for the parents of all two- and three-year-olds and of children living in areas offering the flu vaccination in primary schools



NHS

Immunisation Information

Immunisation

the safest way to protect your child

Maths at Home

NRich is a Maths based website aimed at making children work in unique and sophisticated ways which is necessary to ensure our children become competent mathematicians! They have recently published a range of activities that you are able to do at home using bits and bobs from around the house. In a time where we not able to go out and do as many things away from the home, now is a great time to have a go at some of these activities. [Please click here to find them!](#)

All of these activities will support and deepen learning that you child does at school and is brilliant to develop reasoning and problem solving skills. Children should not worry if they don't get to 'the end' of a task as being able to communicate mathematically is part of being a mathematician, so encourage learners to talk to you about their Maths and how they have got to their point.

Many of the activities have a 'Teacher Resources' section (which you can find in the menu to the left of the activity) which although written with a classroom context in mind, may provide useful questions and prompts to ask if learners get stuck at home. Being stuck is to be expected and even welcomed, as it's often when we are getting ourselves unstuck that we make the most progress in our learning, so encourage the learner to tell the story of their thinking so far. Try not to give answers, but praise them for working hard and not giving up, and be clear that mistakes help us learn.

If you share your learning with us we will be able to celebrate it online using a special hastag #nrichmathsAtHome

We are looking forward to reading about the mathematical adventures you have from the comfort of your own living room!





Now Online:

Tue 24th Nov

Tue 15th Dec

Conversation Cafes 7-8.30pm via zoom

Where? Online...join us from the comfort of your own home.

Who? For dads/father figures/male carers (not aimed for children although we expect there may be the odd wave from a sleepy child)

What? A rare opportunity in our society, to come together as men to discuss what it is really like being a parent/care giver to our children. Share with a community of other dads, facilitated by professionals who specialise in supporting parents. Relaxed evening of conversation, make yourself a brew/grab a beer and share the highs and lows of being a parent/care giver and a man during 2020.

Eventbrite link for tickets:

https://conversation_cafes_autumn.eventbrite.co.uk

Calling all dads and male carers (step dads, uncles, grandads...) come meet other dads, make new friends, enjoy fun FREE activities with your children on Saturdays and discuss the challenges and successes of being a dad at our Tuesday Conversation Cafes— a safe space to talk all things dad & eat pizza...

Please book your FREE place through info@dangerousdads.org.uk Or call/text 07934739098.

We will then send you an invite to the zoom call, only people who have signed up will be able to join the call and its a safe and friendly place to talk.



FREE Events for Dads-Autumn Series 2020



NSPCC Together for Childhood

Throughout December there will be a PANTS advent countdown happening on the [Together for Childhood Facebook page](#). Aimed at helping parents to [Talk PANTS](#) with their children, the advent will share lots of PANTS info, activities and a prize giveaway every week. Children from Years 2 to 6 will have some great knowledge about the PANTS rule as they learnt about it during their SMSC learning over the last academic year.

At the end of the month, anyone who has liked and shared the advent posts will be put in to a draw to win a bumper batch of Pantosaurus goodies on Christmas Eve! Head over to the [Together for Childhood- Plymouth Facebook page](#) from 1st December to get involved.



Operation Christmas Child

We are really excited to be collecting and putting together shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal as through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child, children living in poverty across the world will receive a gift at Christmas that they would not have done, if it were not for your support.

During the week beginning 7th December, the Primary and Nursery children will be putting together their own shoe boxes to be donated to the Samaritan's Christmas Shoe Box Appeal, which is being collected at Saltash Baptist Church.

We are in need of shoe boxes for this please and other donations such as dolls, toy trucks, stuffed animals, yo-yos, skipping ropes, balls, toys etc. or pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, writing pads or paper, colouring and picture books, sticker sheets etc. would also be brilliant if you have them please. All items must be new and where appropriate have labels please. Due to the shoeboxes being sent all over the world to help children in poverty, items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, combs, flannels would also be great please. Your child could even draw a little picture to go into the box to wish the child receiving it a Merry Christmas. Anything would be of a huge help!

Please can all donations, shoeboxes and drawings be brought into school by Friday 4th December.

We are looking forward to putting the boxes together.



Online Safety

Each month, we will continue to share with you some advice to further support your child to be safe online. If you have any questions or queries then please do contact a member of the Primary Admin Team or email primary@marineacademy.org.uk to arrange a time to virtually meet with Mr Ferry our Computing and Online Safety Leader. He will always be more than happy to help you out!



Introducing Ollee – a Virtual Friend



What is Ollee?



Ollee is a digital friend for children aged 8-11, created by Parent Zone and funded by BBC Children in Need's A Million & Me initiative, which aims to make a difference to children's emotional wellbeing.

It's designed to help children reflect on how they feel and to process their experiences with the support and help of their parents and carers – and it does this by offering them advice about a range of subjects: school, family, friends, their body, the internet and the world.

For each of these subjects, children can choose an emotion that matches how they feel about it: happy, angry, sad, confused, frustrated, stressed or worried.

Next, they can choose from a list of topics – for instance, a child who was worried about school might be able to select 'I haven't done my homework' as the cause of their worry. Finally, they'll see a page of advice about the topic, presented in child-friendly bite-sized chunks they can read then or save for later.

Ollee is a fun character and to make it even more appealing to children the app includes a built-in customisation feature. This enables children to dress Ollee up to look exactly how they want, and add accessories and other fun touches.

Sharing and Talking on Ollee

Parents can also follow the same pathways to get advice on the subjects and emotions they think their child might be struggling with. This advice is presented in the same bite-sized format but is tailored to the parent audience.

Sharing is at the heart of Ollee. Parents and children can link their accounts with each other, then share advice about a topic they think the other might want information on. The advice that is sent is tailored to the relevant audience – so if a parent shares advice with a child, the child will see the right version for them.

It's all part of encouraging children to talk to parents and other trusted adults about the things that might be troubling them.

When and where is Ollee available?

Ollee will be available as a progressive web app, meaning it can be accessed via any web browser – though it works best on smartphones and tablets.

It is now available for free to download [here](#).

DATES
FOR YOUR DIARY



It's Beginning to Look a lot Like Christmas

Tuesday 1st December – from this day, the Christmas tree in the foyer will be made extra special as it will be decorated with the handmade decorations from all of the classes. In addition, each class will have a post box for the children to post Christmas cards into for their friends. To make it as covid safe as possible, we are suggesting that children only give cards to children in their own classes please. Cards can be posted into the post box each day of the week and then they will be kept safely and passed out to children each Monday. Please make sure that all cards are brought into school by Tuesday 15th December.

Tuesday 8th December – the Primary and Nursery will be working together to film a video that will be shared with families at the end of term and get you truly into the Christmas spirit! Children are to wear their uniform on this day still but are to bring in a Christmas accessory (headband, tinsel or Santa hat) to wear as well please.

Friday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day. Children can wear their Christmas jumpers with trousers and shoes of their choice on this day. We would like children to bring a non-perishable item to school with them, which we will donate to Plymouth Foodbank. Currently, the Foodbank have plenty of pasta, beans, tinned vegetables and milk but are in urgent need of: puddings (rice pudding & custard), crisps, treats (chocolate & sweets), squash/cordial, baby wipes/wet wipes, instant mash potato, instant hot chocolate, pet food (cat & dog), deodorant/roll on (mens & womans), washing up liquid and razors and shaving foam.

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Lunch. Please indicate on the Survey Monkey by following this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y2XFKXJ> by Friday 4th December, if your child would like a Christmas Lunch or if they would like the Vegetarian Roast instead. For those children in Years 3 to 6 having a roast dinner, it will cost £2.00 please (please make sure that this money is on your child's ParentPay account by Tuesday 15th December).

Friday 18th December – Children can wear muffi to school for the Class Christmas Parties. Please remember that the Academy will be closed for all Primary and Nursery children at 1:00pm – all children will need to be collected at this time please.



In November, children from across Marine Academy Primary and Nursery took part in a Remembrance Day Competition at home. They were tasked to create their own Remembrance images and there were so many wonderfully creative entries. Each of the winners received a copy of 'One Hundred Steps: The Story of Captain Sir Tom Moore' and you can see their entries above.

We raised £468.74 for the Royal British Legion during our Poppy Appeal and the children took part in a Virtual Assembly which was attended by Dave, a veteran from the Royal British Legion, who laid a wreath alongside one from each class. Each class learnt about Remembrance Day in a SMSC lesson prior to making their class wreaths and were able to share their knowledge during the assembly. Chloe from Year 4 also read beautifully a poem during the assembly. Dave said that he was honoured to have been invited to the Academy on 11th November but the honour was truly ours! The Marine Academy Primary and Nursery staff teams were so proud of all of the children for taking part in and showing heaps of respect during the Remembrance Day Assembly.



The more that you read,
The more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
The more places you'll go.
-Dr. Seuss

We Are Readers



TOP

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Number of Words Read This Month:

1	Jay (5LI) 218,780
2	Sophia (4LG) 158,301
3	Ryan (5LI) 152,075
4	Jacob (5AD) 141,331
5	Owen (6AW) 128,065
6	Freya (5AD) 125,400
7	Chloe (4AJ) 123,661
8	Ava (6AW) 120,121
9	Ayda-Rose (5AD) 114,348
10	Aleasha (4LG) 90,372

The total number of books and words read by children on Accelerated Reader so far this year currently stands at...

3,628 books and
16,943,347 words!

WOW!

Buy books at a discounted price and help us to get free books for the school!

Visit <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/marine-academy-plymouth-pri/digital-book-club> to buy discounted books online from our Scholastic Book Club. Please order by 2nd December. Books will be delivered for free to school - please email us to let us know if you don't want us to hand the books to your child. For every £1 you spend through our Book Club on orders of £10 or more, we will earn 25p in **FREE BOOKS** for the school!

SCHOLASTIC
Book Clubs

FREE DELIVERY
TO SCHOOL

SUPER READER

SHOUT OUTS!

WE ❤️ READING

A big pat on the back for these quizzers who have all been reading and quizzing lots on Bug Club and Accelerated Reader! Super effort!

Junior (RAF), Pippa, Sofian and Murphy (RHR), Jaxon (1MM), Henry and Layton (1SA), Khloe C (2CW), Elsie (2TA), Lennon (3EB), Isabelle (3JN), Isla R (4AJ), Amelia G (4LG), Reid (5AD), Izabella (5LI), Billy (6AW) and Isabella (6DM). Well done everyone!

We have our first Year 1 child on Accelerated Reader! A huge well done to Jack in 1MM for making such fantastic progress in his reading!

Delighting Writing!

Each month, we feature examples of fantastic writing from children. This month, we have some super English writing from children in Year 1, 3 and 5.

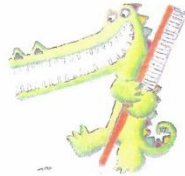
Year 1 have been learning about the book 'The Little Red Hen' this term. Here's Bobby's own independently written version which is fantastic! He has even tried to use speech marks, well done Bobby!

Wednesday 25th/Thursday 26th November 2020

Independent Write:



LO: I can independently write my invented version of 'The Little Red Hen'.



It was a stormy day at the lake. Who will help me brush my teeth? Not I said the big octopus. Not I said the wiggoly insect. Not I said the white eagle. Then I will do it myself and he did.

Fantastic learning, Bobby.

By Bobby, ISA

Here's an amazing piece of writing with some fantastic description from Jessica in 3EB, inspired by the text 'Mimi and the Mountain Dragon'. Well done Jessica!



Tuesday 24th November 2020

LO: I can write my story out in my best fancy handwriting.

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One day, Zaggy ^{stepped} stepped out hopelessly into the horrid tornado, additionally, he fell to his feet! Beside the chicken coop, there was a crackling roar as the twisting duck pond splashed over! "oh no! that was my gleaming hand bag that my ^GGranny gave me!" bellowed Zaggy loudly.

Inside the horrid muddy tyre there was the missing gleaming handbag what blew away violently! "oh no! I have to get back my gleaming hand bag!" yelled Zaggy excitedly.

A day later, a horrid colourful Bear found the gleaming handbag! "Wow! Look at this gleaming handbag it's beautiful" muttered the Bear excitedly. The bear left a track of goat print

Later Heroic Zaggy discovered some ^{icy} icy cold goat prints in the ^{violent} violent grass. "oh my goodness! Look at their's pair of goat prints!" cried Zaggy miserably!

Soon sweet heroic Zaggy found his gleaming hand and he worked a long way back home.

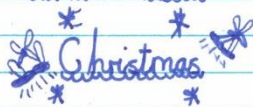
By Jessica G, 3EB

This amazing piece of writing was written by Lucy in 5AD without any input from the teacher! She has used beautiful handwriting, super punctuation and even laid it out using paragraphs and subheadings! Well done Lucy!



Tuesday 24th November 2020

Lo: I can complete a cold write about a celebration or ceremony that I have been to.



How people celebrate Christmas?

Usually, people celebrate Christmas by: exchanging gifts on Christmas Day, putting up a real or fake tree, and decorating it with a pretty star (angel) on the top, some lights and baubles. The majority of people also put tinsel around their house and on their tree tinsel is like a sparkly rope.

Whats for Dinner?

On Christmas Day, which is on the 25th of ^{Dec} November, usually families join together and have a delicious Christmas roast. In Christmas roasts people mostly have a meat (turkey, chicken, duck, goose, pork, gammon or beef) It also includes some potatoes, vegetables like parrots, parocilli and peas. You can also get stuffing, which is like a pepper ball, and figs in blankets (yum) Pigs in blankets are ^{wrapped} sausages ^{stuffed} in bannet.

What happens on Christmas Eve?

On Christmas Eve, people get ready for Christmas which is just the next day. In the evening children leave milk and biscuits for Santa for when he gives the children presents. Also on the evening of Christmas eve people put stockings at the end of their bed, which is what Santa puts their presents in during their sleep.

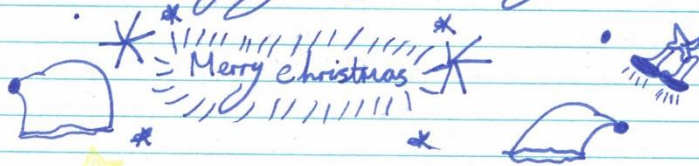
Christmas Day

On the morning of Christmas children go to their stocking and see what Santa got them. Once they have finished opening them both parents and kids have a nice breakfast and then open the presents that the family got them. After that, people sometimes go to another member of family's house where they have a

By Lucy, 5AD

Christmas Dinner and maybe open some more presents if they haven't already and then you can give your gift to the people who gave you presents.

Christmas is about giving not just receiving.



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