



Marine Academy Primary Newsletter July 2023

FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

'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 pupils,

As always, I hope this Newsletter finds you safe and well. I always find myself lost for words at this time of the academic year but especially now, as I write my last Newsletter as a Headteacher. It is not due to the exhaustion from what has been another incredibly busy academic year and it is not because of the emotional drain from saying 'farewell' to our wonderful Year 6 children. It is simply down to the pride I have for Marine Academy Primary and the community that makes it such an incredible place to belong. All of this does not happen by accident. It is down to the dedication of the people around you, which is embodied in our teaching and support staff teams – to our teachers and Teaching Assistants, 'thank you'! It is also the people who continue making the same sacrifices every day – regardless of the challenges thrown their way – to keep everyone safe, fed and clean. To these people who work relentlessly behind the scenes, our catering team, Playworkers, cleaners, Admin team and caretakers, I want to say 'thank you'! This year has seen us record end of Key Stage 2 Assessment results, surpassing the national average by 28%, which is testament to the safe and caring environment at the Academy. However, none of this would have been possible, and our children would not have had a wonderful year, without you and your support. We are incredibly grateful.

On both a personal and professional note, I would like to thank each and every one of you for the relentless optimism, dedication and unwavering support you have shown your children's class teachers and the Academy. Also to me throughout my time as Headteacher of the most special school I could ever have been given the opportunity to lead.

For me I'll close this chapter with a quote from Winnie the Pooh who had many friends on his adventures, I did too and I wholeheartedly thank each and every one of you.

Have a wonderful summer.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Siobhan Meredith
Headteacher

"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."
Winnie the Pooh - A.A. Milne



Term Dates



Term 1

First day of school: 5th September 2023
(7th September for some new Reception children)

Last day of school: 20th October 2023

Term 2

First day of school: 2nd November 2023
Last day of school: 15th December (at 1:00pm)

Term 3

First day of school: 4th January 2024
Last day of school: 9th February 2024

Term 4

First day of school: 19th February 2024
Last day of school: 28th March 2024

Term 5

First day of school: 15th April 2024
Bank Holiday: 6th May 2024
Last day of school: 24th May 2024

Term 6

First day of school: 4th June 2024
Last day of school: 18th July 2024

INSET Days

4th September 2023
1st November 2023
3rd January 2024
3rd June 2024
19th July 2024



New *this* Month

Year 4 – We can't quite believe that is the end of the academic year- what an incredible year that we have had! It was fantastic to welcome you into Marine Academy Primary again for our class assemblies, where we were able to showcase our learning with you from the year. We think everyone did an amazing job and we hope that you enjoyed them as much as we did. Our final topic of the year was 'Natural Resources' and it was great to see that the children could recall so many facts. We loved to see the children enthusiastic and passionate about looking after our planet. Year 4 ended the last week of term with completing their Design Technology learning. The children demonstrated their great collaboration skills, when they made potato salad, using potatoes from our outdoor area- it was very tasty! The Year 4 team would like to wish the children the best of luck as they transition into Year 5. They will be greatly missed and all of the adults are extremely proud of how far they have come this year! Thank you for all of your continued support.

Year 6 – What an incredible year group, Year 6 are. They have been a joy to teach and an absolute pleasure in their last term of Primary School. This term, Year 6 got their SATs results and the scores they achieved truly reflect the hard work they put in this year. We couldn't be prouder of them! On the last day of term, we had a 3-course meal and an awards ceremony. It was a lovely time that all enjoyed. We will all miss Year 6 and wish them all the best at Secondary School.

Year 1 – The children in Year 1 have had a fun-filled end to the year. They enjoyed becoming weather presenters as part of their Geography learning and were able to give fantastic weather reports. The children undertook their final independent writes of the year. They are definitely ready to progress into Year 2 with the fabulous writing that was on show. It was amazing to see everyone come together for the Summer Fair and partake in many activities. The children enjoyed the afternoon and made lots of memories. It was great to see various children from the year group taking part in the Summer showcase, they did themselves and the Academy proud! As the academic year draws to an end, all of the staff in Year 1 would like to take this opportunity to say how proud we are of all the children. They have grown up so much in the space of the year and are all truly ready for Year 2. We would also like to thank all of the families for your support this year with helping us to ensure that the children made great progress. We wish the children a lovely summer break and we can't wait to follow their progress in Year 2.

Reception – What a wonderful year we have had! Thank you for your continued support this year, particularly with reading at home. When we reflect on this year, the progress of all the children has been phenomenal. The children have made us so proud, and we have enjoyed spending every moment with them to help them to learn and grow. Our highlights for this term was our class assemblies. The confidence and enthusiasm from all was fantastic! The children also enjoyed releasing their butterflies after looking after them from tiny caterpillars. What a magical and memorable experience for them! This term has been full of wonderful learning, where the children have retold and written their own stories of Jack and the Beanstalk, as well as understanding the life cycles of frogs, butterflies and also humans. We wish all the children the very best of luck in Year 1.

Year 5 – Year 5 have had a tremendous end to the academic year! They have now completed insightful essays considering Energy and Sustainability. They were able to gain powerful insights into the issues facing our environment during their Geography Field Trip to Central Park. In English, the children have been reflecting on their residential and activity time, writing non-chronological reports about their experiences. In Maths, the children completed their Angles unit and are now proficient protractor users! They can find angles on a straight line and around a point, true Mathematicians! In Science, Year 5 have learned to be forensic scientists, investigating the use of fingerprints, DNA and footprints in solving crimes. In DT, the children have completed their Food and Nutrition unit. After learning about the features of a healthy diet and food hygiene, they ended the unit by cooking their own delicious shortbread. Both Year 5 classes brilliantly performed their class assemblies to parents, they practised so well and should be proud of their achievement.

Year 2 – The Year 2 children have been absolute superstars this year and they have been a pleasure to teach. The children have shown maturity, determination and a genuine willingness to learn. This year we have completed a huge amount of learning, ranging from World War Two to learning how to make a Christmas card in our DT learning. All the Year 2 adults have been amazed at the children's hard work this year and believe the children will have a seamless transition into Year 3, where they will continue to develop and grow as individuals with positive and respectful attitudes. We are very excited to share their end of year reports with you! This term, the children have been learning about 'Don't Spill the Milk' where they began to create their own adventure stories and in Maths, they have continued to develop their statistics knowledge. Furthermore, the children have continued their brilliant Geography learning and explored where our food comes from. This was aided by a great day at Occombe Farm, where they held animals and made delicious pizzas! Thank you for your continued support and we all know that the children will continue to thrive as they progress to Year 3 and beyond!



Pre-School – What a superb time the Pre-School children have had to finish this Academic Year. They have loved being 'Animal Rescuers', talking about their pets and being a vet in our role-play. Puffins and Penguins children also had an awesome Graduation Assembly, and they are looking forward to their next adventure. We are so proud of them, and we will miss them greatly. We are also looking forward to new friends joining Pre-School in September. Thank you for your continued support and we wish you a lovely summer holiday. Take care and have lots of fun!

Nursery – Turtle Class have had a super last few weeks of Term 6. The children have enjoyed singing 'Hickory Dickory Dock' during Rhyme Time and enjoyed taking turns to place the mouse up and down the clock on the board. The children have also been using their listening ears to follow instructions to complete different actions while singing different songs. For our Themed Learning, the children have been making mice out of playdough and counting stepping stones. We will be finishing the topic by making mouse masks. It has been great to see the children enjoy the water play based activities and using the playdough table well. Some children have been singing our Dough Disco songs as they use the playdough, which is great to see. The children have also shown fantastic counting skills as we have been practising counting to five in order during Independent Time and Number Time. The children have also enjoyed Taekwondo and we would like to thank Gary for taking these sessions. We say goodbye and good luck to our children who move up to Pre-School but we also look forward to welcoming some new children in September. The Turtle Class team wish the children a fantastic summer break and well done for an excellent year.

Year 3 – During the final month of the school year, the children in Year 3 excelled across all subjects of learning. In particular, the children produced fantastic essays in Geography to showcase their thorough understanding of Weather and the Water Cycle. The children also had the exciting opportunity to go inside the Explorer Dome, where they were immersed in a virtual reality of experiencing a thunderstorm and a hurricane. In addition to all the great learning, the children also made the Year 3 team very proud with their class assemblies for parents. Both classes practised and delivered their performances to the best of their ability. We finished Year 3 with an enjoyable class party and games to cap off a great year. We wish all the children and parents a great summer holiday and we look forward to seeing the children in Year 4.

Update from the Marine Academy Parliament



A huge well done and thank you to all of our brilliant Members of Academy Parliament this year. They were exceptional ambassadors for the school, taking part in the Toy Drive, arranging events such as Children in Need and Red Nose Day and visiting the Houses of Parliament in London. This year's Academy Parliament raised the greatest amount of money through their fundraising and as a result have helped a large number of people. During the last week of term, Mrs Webb and Mrs Marchant treated them to a celebration lunch in the Boardroom with Mrs Meredith, Miss Mitchell and Mrs Keeler for all of their efforts!

We are looking forward to Miss Newell and Miss Widdison leading the Academy Parliament next year and seeing what amazing things they achieve throughout the academic year. Next year's Academy Parliament will all visit London and the Houses of Parliament at the end of September too! Watch this space for how to nominate yourself for the democratic vote to be a Member of Academy Parliament next year.



Recommend A Recipe!

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

Cheesy ham and leek bake recipe

Low-cost and hearty, this quick and easy ham, leek and cheese bake is the perfect mid-week meal.

Prep: 15 mins

Cook: 35 mins

Serves 4



Ingredients

- 6 leek, washed and trimmed
- 180g wafer-thin ham slices
- 35g plain flour
- 20g lower-fat spread
- 300ml semi-skimmed milk
- 75g reduced-fat mature cheddar, grated
- 1 teaspoon wholegrain mustard
- 1 pinch ground black pepper

Method

1. Cook the leeks in a large saucepan of simmering water for 10 to 12 minutes, until just tender, then drain well in a colander. It helps if you leave them for a few minutes to cool slightly too.
2. Wrap a slice of ham around each leek, then arrange them in a large shallow baking dish. Turn on the oven to preheat to 200C (fan 180, gas mark 6).
3. Put the flour, low-fat spread and milk into a non-stick saucepan. Heat, stirring all the time with a small whisk until the sauce is thick and smooth. Cook gently for a few seconds more, then remove from the heat.

It's a good idea to invest in a small silicone-coated whisk to help make easy all-in-one sauces. They won't scratch non-stick pans and they help to give a smooth, lump-free sauce.

4. Add all but 1 tablespoon of the cheese to the pan, then stir in the mustard, season with some pepper and keep stirring until the cheese has all melted. Pour the whole mixture over the leeks, then sprinkle the remaining cheese over the top.

Try adding some sliced tomatoes on top of the leeks before sprinkling the cheese. Not only are baked tomatoes delicious, but it also adds to your 5 A Day!

5. Bake in the oven for 15 to 20 minutes, until the leeks are heated through and the top is golden brown. Leave to cool for a few minutes, then plate up. Serve 2 leeks for adults and 1 for children. Enjoy!



To Marine Academy Primary Year 6 children,

As you start your next big journey,
 This next chapter of your life,
 Know that we have watched you grow,
 With such happiness and pride.
 Smiles, laughs and tears,
 We have had along the way,
 You have come so far to the person,
 Stood in front of us today.

You've said goodbye to teachers,
 You have waved farewell to friends,
 You've taken steps down corridors.
 That you may not walk again.
 But your exciting future awaits you,
 Make it all that it can be,

No-one will forget the Class of 2023!
 Remember 'Work Hard, Be Kind and Amazing Things will Happen'!

Take care,

Marine Academy Primary Team





We are very excited to share that, following receiving planning permission, building will commence at the end of the summer break to install a 3G Pitch on the field in front of Marine Academy Primary. The project is being funded by the Football Foundation and the Ted Wragg Trust. We are hoping that the building site will be set up during the holidays in preparation for the project start date, which is anticipated on 28th August. It is hoped that the project will take sixteen weeks but the weather during the Autumn months may mean that there are some delays. However, our children should be able to begin accessing it during the Spring Term!

There may be some disruption to entrance and exit routes, particularly the far Flamstead Crescent entrance (not the one leading onto the Primary playground) but we will let you know as and when this is the case.



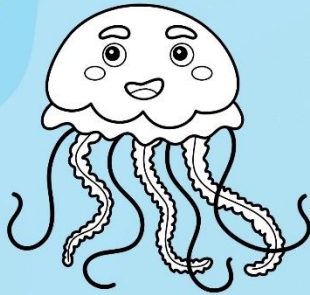
Marine Academy Primary have been awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag! We are proud to fly the **Eco-Schools** flag to illustrate our interest and involvement with the environment and biodiversity and collaboration with Surfers Against Sewage to protect our Oceans. The feedback from Eco-Schools included: ‘Your ability and willingness to partnership is impressive – we’ll need this approach to fight the impacts of climate change in the future! We have loved reading about your journey and are impressed by your progress this year.’ A big well done to Ms Bell for leading on this project for us so brilliantly!



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SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

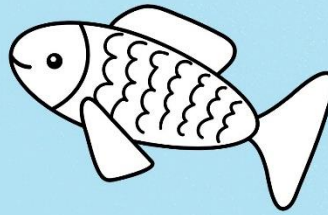
The children at Marine Academy Primary came up with lots of ideas for our own Summer Reading Challenge. Here are some of them below. Have a go and see how many you can do! If you can, print off this sheet and colour in each sea creature as you go!



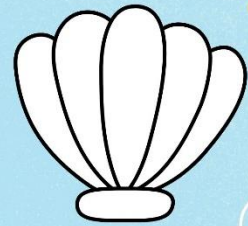
READ TO A SIBLING OR YOUNGER PERSON



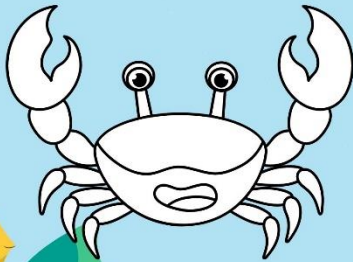
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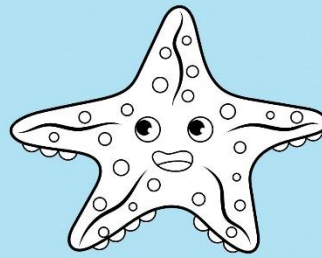
READ A BOOK THAT HAS AN ANIMAL CHARACTER



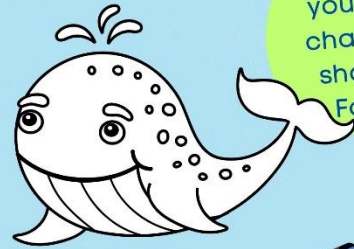
READ WITH A FRIEND



MAKE A READING DEN

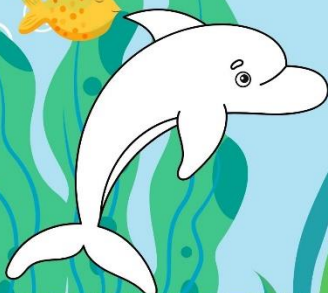


READ A BOOK THEN DRAW ONE OF THE CHARACTERS

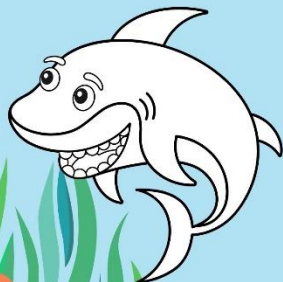


READ UPSIDE DOWN

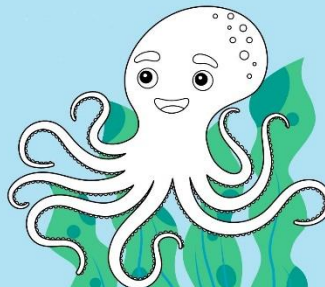
Send us photos of you completing the challenges and we'll share them on our Facebook page!



READ MORE THAN ONE BOOK BY THE SAME AUTHOR



READ A BOOK SET UNDER THE SEA



READ A BOOK THAT RHYMES



READ SOMEWHERE OUTSIDE

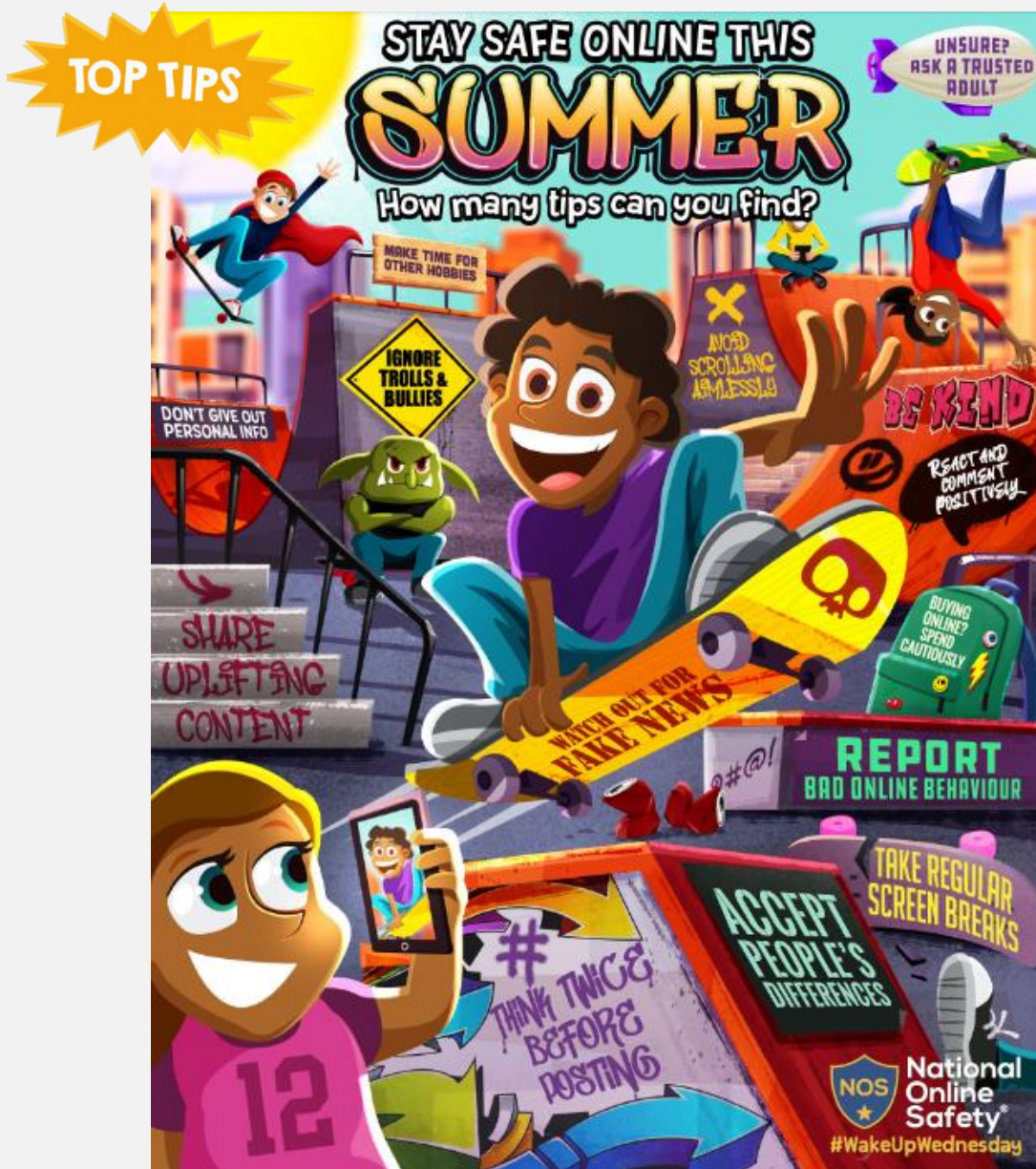


Online Safety

ARE YOU
ONLINE SAFETY
AWARE?

Each month, we will continue to share with you some advice to support you over the summer break. It is likely that many children will spend a longer period online, therefore, we have provided some tips to help ensure that this is a positive experience.

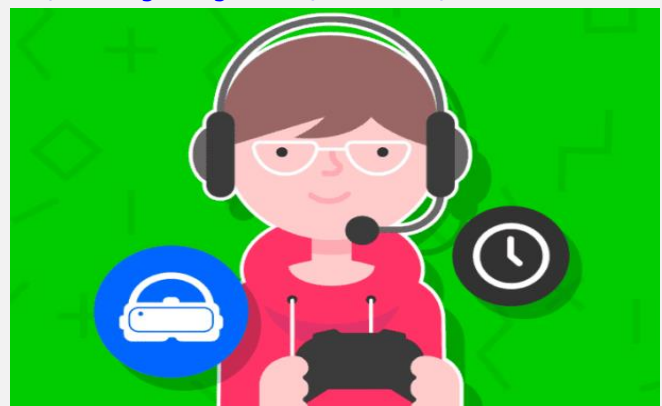
If you have any further questions or concerns about e-safety, please contact our Computing Leader, Mr Druce, by emailing: primary@marineacademy.org.uk
FAO: Mr Druce.



Gaming Guide

This online gaming advice explores what online gaming is and how to help your child develop good online gaming habits to ensure they get the most out of their experience.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-gaming-advice/the-basics/>



Summer Holiday Family Workshops

With the summer holidays just around the corner are you making plans for the family? [Read More](#)



With the summer holidays having begun, are you stuck for plans for the family? On Course South West are running more of their family fun workshops in the summer break. These are FREE Summer Holiday Family Workshops, aimed at children aged 6+. These workshops are being run in August to entertain both parents/carers and children. They ask that parents/carers accompany up to two children per adult and the children are aged a minimum of 6 years old. To book, please click [here](#). Sessions include: song writing; theatre; Wellbeing Hamper Day; mask making; no-sew clothing accessories creations; upcycle your clothing; screen printing workshop; no-sew clothing alterations; Number Fun: Fun with Dice; Number Fun: Fun with Fractions; Number Fun: Fun with Playing Cards; Number Fun: Fun with Time; Number Fun: Number with Darts; Number Fun: Number with Paper Games.



EVERY DAY COUNTS

We are an **ambitious** and **inclusive** school, **strengthening our community** through **excellent education**.



Being in school helps you to build confidence, resilience and self esteem, giving you the best chance to succeed in life.



Making new friends, having fun and developing new skills is an important part of school life.



Every school has someone to help you build your confidence to come to school and help tackle any worries.



If you are worried about coming to school, tell someone what's wrong so you can get the help and support you need.



We want all children to understand the value of good attendance and to strive to have this through developing or maintaining healthy attendance habits which when learnt young, will stand them in good stead for the rest of their school career and working life. We have recently seen an increase in the number of families taking holidays during term time. We recognise that it is often expensive to take a holiday during school breaks and that is why some parents may ask for term time leave for their children. However, it is important that parents carefully consider the implications of taking their child out of school during term time. More information can be found here: <https://www.marineacademy.org.uk/primary/term-dates>



Marine Academy Primary **UNIFORM**

To place your Preschool or Primary uniform order, visit www.brigade.uk.com/parents or pop into The Schoolwear Shop on Mayflower Street to make your purchase.

These items may be purchased direct from the school:

Baseball Cap £4

Primary Water Bottle £2.30

Rucksack £8

Preschool Water Bottle £1.70

Cawsand Blue

Gold Bantham

For children from Reception to Year 6, our houses for PE are:

Edgcumbe Red

Green Wembury



Please remember that children need to wear plain black shoes or trainers to school and a jumper or cardigan with the Academy logo on. White polo shirts with the Academy logo are available to be purchased but are not a necessity and plain white polos bought from local supermarkets are absolutely fine for children to wear.

38 Things

What a fantastic afternoon we had celebrating the children who completed their '38 Things'. We had a lovely cream tea and then the children were awarded with medals and certificates. The children all enjoyed discussing their favourite 'thing' to do and it was lovely to hear how committed they were to the whole process! We particularly enjoyed the children bringing a family member to take part in their celebration too. This year saw the highest number of children ever complete '38 Things'! We are looking forward to them and more children all signing up again next year! Thank you very much for supporting the children in doing it - it is such a brilliant and important way to build character, resilience and show the importance of commitment and dedication.



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
10

Number of Words Read This Month:

1	Chloe (6AW) 123,485
2	Silun (5AD) 120,620
3	Sophia D (3UN) 57,334
4	Piotrek (4NH) 54,909
5	Jamond (3UN) 53,127
6	Zack (4NH) 50,887
7	Poppy (5AD) 47,866
8	Hadley (3UN) 45,881
9	Alyssa (4LG) 43,560
10	Koby C (5LI) 41,029

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

8,984 books and
42,965,872 words
this year!

WOW!

SUPER READER

SHOUT OUTS!

It has been another amazing month for reading and quizzing!

Well done to these superstars who have been reading lots at home and logging it on Boom Reader!

Jenson (RHR), Evelyn (RTG), Carter (1MM), Amelia-Mai (1SA), Charlie (2CW), Lottie (2JU), David (3CC), Sophia D (3UN), Philip (4LG), Brooke (4NH), Ayva (5AD), Honey (5LI), Alice (6AW) and Harry (6DK)!

And here are the top quizzers for this month!

Nyla (2CW), Daisy (2JU), Bobby (3CC), Hadley (3UN), Layla (4LG), Oscar (4NH), Roman (5AD), Koby C (5LI), Chloe (6AW) and Lola-May (6DK)!



Reading can take you places you have never been before.

Dr. Seuss

Summer Reading Challenge 2023

Ready, Set, Read!

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Join today!

Ready, Set, Read! Is the name of the game and this year, you guessed it, our theme is sports and games.

Take part in your local library or join online by visiting www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk. Set a reading goal and log your books on your profile. When you reach your goal, you will unlock some digital goodies!



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SUMMER CAMPS 2023

FREE for children who are eligible for Free School Meals*

or

£20 per day
(bring your own lunch)

£25 per day
(Hot lunch provided by CaterEd)

Venue: St Peters Primary School,
Brentford Ave, Plymouth PL5 4HD

Dates: Mon 31st July – Friday 25th
August

Timings: 9am-3pm

Age: 6-11 years

DURING THE FOUR WEEKS, EACH DAY WILL HAVE IT'S OWN UNIQUE THEME. SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE...



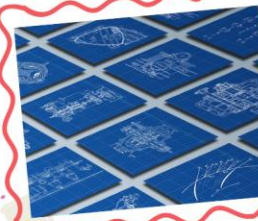
FOREST SCHOOLS



ROCKETS



BEACH SCIENCE



STEM CHALLENGES



FOOD SCIENCE



ANIMAL EXPERIENCES

THE FULL EVENT CALENDAR CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT WWW.PLYMOUTHSCIENCECIC.CO.UK – PLEASE NOTE ALL ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

To book your place visit our website and click on the poster or scan the QR code above

For any questions, please email us (bookings cannot be done via email).

Web: www.plymouthsciencecic.co.uk

Email – plymouthscienceteam@gmail.com

Tel: 07933 055 506 (only during camp dates)

* Eligibility for free places is for children who receive Free School Meals. This DOES NOT include children in Foundation/Key Stage 1 who receive Universal Free School Meals. If you are unsure of your status, enquire with your school office. Eligibility will be checked by Plymouth City Council, and full payment will need to be made for sessions if your child is ineligible for Free School Meals. Terms and Condition apply.

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