



Marine Academy Primary and Nursery Newsletter June 2021

'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, June was a month of highs and lows for us at Marine Academy Primary and Nursery! With the increase in transmission rates across the South West of COVID19, we saw some positive cases within one of our Year 6 Classes, which unfortunately meant that the class had to self-isolate for a period of time. We were extremely proud of how well the children in Class 6DM reverted back to remote learning and logged in daily for their Guided Reading sessions throughout the week and are very pleased they have returned to school now. On a more positive note, we had four wonderful Sports Days, where the children showed huge enthusiasm, resilience, collaboration and teamwork. Each one was brilliantly led by our Sports Leaders from Year 5 and supported by Plymouth Raiders and Discovery Martial Arts. Please can I also say a huge thank you to all Parents/Carers for being so understanding about the changes we made to Sports Days this year, especially as you were unable to attend them. Your support is hugely appreciated.

In the coming weeks, the children will spend some time with the teacher who will be their class teacher next year. We would also like to take this opportunity to invite Parents/Carers of Reception to Year 5 children and those children who are leaving Pre-School at the end of July to join Reception in September, to come to the Academy any time between 8:30am and 9:30am on Monday 19th or Tuesday 20th July to collect their child's Annual Reports. Their current class teachers will be there to greet you and you will be able to meet next year's teacher too. If it is dry then they will be on the field in front of the entrance to Marine Academy Primary but if it is wet then they will be under the canopies at the front of the building and in the playground.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Siobhan Meredith

FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

Week Beginning 5th July – Reception Balanceability

5th July – Year 3 Trip to St Paul's Church

5th July – Year 5 Geography Fieldwork and Games Day at Central Park

6th July – Year 5 Taster Day at Marine Academy Plymouth

6th July – Academy Parliament Representatives to attend Virtual Tour of House of Commons

7th July – Rainbow Theatre Workshop for Year 3

8th July – Year 6 Extended Day Trip at Forest and Beach

Week Beginning 12th July – Year 3 and 5 Bikeability

12th July – 6 x Year 6 Children to take part in Sail GP Day

12th July – Year 4 Trip to Devon Cliffs to take part in the Aerial Adventure

13th July – RSPCA Talks with Pre-School Classes

14th July – Year 6 Transition Day at Marine Academy Plymouth (for those children joining MAP in September)

16th July – Whole School Transition Morning

19th July – Year 4 Bellboating Trip

20th July – 38 Things Cream Tea Celebration

21st July – Year 6 End of Primary Celebrations!

Term Dates



Term 6

Last day of school: 21st July 2021

Please visit:

<https://www.marineacademy.org.uk/primary/term-dates> to view the term dates for the 2021/2022 academic year.



New *this* Month

Reception – The children have been really engaged with our topic this term, 'Ready, Steady...Grow!' So far, the children have planted their own sunflower seeds and watched them grow, as well as observe the changes that our caterpillars have made. We are all so excited to watch them develop into butterflies! The children have really enjoyed role playing in our garden centre, as well as bug hunting in our outdoor area. It has been wonderful to begin retelling the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, where the children have created their own story maps. We are all really proud of how the children behaved on our trip the zoo. They were superstars!

Pre-School – This term in Pre-School the children have been learning all about different animals and the way in which we care for them. The children have showed fantastic perseverance to learn about the needs of our Academy Animals, have learnt the various foods that they can and can't eat and have even fed some of our animals on site. The children have had a fantastic time in the role play which is now a Vets. They have enjoyed caring for the animals that are poorly and have had to visit the Vets. Sports day was a huge success and the children all showed super listening ears and were fantastic role models! They persevered at all the activities and didn't give up. We want to thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

Year 4 – Term 6 is always a busy but exciting term and we have already participated in our Sports Day and had a beatboxing workshop! In English, we have planned two exciting trips for the children that we will be linking to their persuasive writing unit, in English. It will be an amazing way to end such a fantastic year! In Maths, the children have been learning about properties of shape, lines of symmetry and interior angles. They all showed fantastic perseverance with this so well done Year 4! In Design Technology, we have been focusing on food and eating. To begin with, we have been looking at food preparation, but the children are excited to progress to making their own items of food!

Year 6 – The children in Year 6 have been very busy during the month of June. Our Geography based topic learning 'Globalisation' is well underway and the children have been getting stuck into their new Guided Reading text, 'Wonder' written by R.J. Palacio. Year 6 were able to go on a trip to The Box, where they had the whole museum to themselves to explore the galleries and the awesome artefacts. In English, we have been learning about the life of Charles Dickens, whilst introducing them to the classic film, Oliver Twist. The Year 6 children have displayed great perseverance across all their learning as usual, and we are super excited to see what their final month of Primary school has in store for them!

Year 3 – What a great start to our final term! Year 3 have made an outstanding effort in English - enjoying writing their own play scripts and organising their own props! In Maths they have showed great resilience in learning about different angles, lines and 3D shapes. As the Academic Year draws to a close, Ms Bell and Miss Newell have been blown away by how much the children have grown in confidence and knowledge with their ever-increasing perseverance skills, which have rewarded them all with many successes. Each and every one of them should be very proud of their achievements.

We have enjoyed Sports Day - a day to demonstrate true team spirit and great empathy for each other and their achievements great and small. We look forward to writing our final Geography essay about the weather, continuing to practise our Spanish song about the weather and preparing our first plate of food during DT over the next few weeks. What a great time to be in Year 3!

Nursery – So far this term the children from Marine Academy Nursery are loving their topic Rumble in the Jungle! They have had so much fun exploring the animals in the jungle tuff tray, creating their own collage parrot with their friends, making paper chain snakes and moving their bodies like different jungle animals. The children can't wait to take part in our Jungle themed Big Wiggle and this week have been making Jungle animal headbands to wear during it.

Year 5 – Year 5 have had a fantastic first half of the Summer term across the curriculum. Their commitment to reading has been particularly outstanding with high numbers of children quizzing on a weekly basis. In English, the children have enjoyed studying the explorer themed story of Ernest Shackleton and have completed a high standard of creative writing to develop their own survival stories. In Maths, they have focused on using all four operations with decimal numbers and have strengthened their place value confidence. Year 5 have enthusiastically approached their Geography topic of 'Energy & Sustainability' with great knowledge. They have learnt about renewable energy sources with some incredible research and 3D models created. In addition, they have looked at how cities like Curitiba and Freiburg have led the way with sustainability. In Science, the children have been learning about the various scientists that have made significant contributions to society, including Alexander Fleming's invention of Penicillin and they have considered the processes involved in developing vaccines during the pandemic. Year 5 have finished the month with an enjoyable Sports Day and have plenty of exciting trips to look forward to during the remainder of the term.

Work hard, be kind, and amazing things will happen.

Conan O'Brien

Year 2 – Year 2 have been so busy since the May half term holiday bookended by 2 fantastic school trips. The trip to Mount Edgcumbe was a great opportunity to learn about how the Blitz affected Plymouth and explore the house. The staff were so impressed with the behaviour of the children and how much they could tell them about World War II. In Maths, the children have surprised us with how much they have learnt about time and measurement. There has been some incredible story and letter writing in English and we have been blown away by the improvement in their books. Science and Design and Technology have had a food focus with children exploring health and nutrition in theory then moving on to make several dishes themselves. We finished the term with a sunny and celebratory visit to the Eden Project. The children enriched their Geography learning by comparing climates where lots of our food comes from and seeing the conditions a range of crops need to grow as well as how far food needs to travel. We look forward to the last few weeks with this wonderful group of children.

Year 1 – The children in Year 1 have had an exciting and busy June! They showed great skills when participating in their Sports Day. They enjoyed activities such as golf, basketball, bowls, scooting and maypole dancing amongst others. They ended the day competing in races which were all very close and exciting. The children displayed fantastic collaboration and determination to do the best they could. The children have also been getting excited about 'Euro 2020'. Everyone has picked a different team and have enjoyed seeing how their teams are getting on in the tournament every morning. They have also completed some tricky leaning this term. In Maths, they have been learning to tell the time and in English, they have explored the story, 'Fatou Fetch the Water'. During this unit of learning the children learnt all about The Gambia and discovered the differences between our country and theirs. As part of their Geography learning, the children have been learning about weather types as part of the topic, 'Wonderful Weather'. They had a go at making wind chimes and have enjoyed wearing their Geography glasses to observe the weather. The Year 1 team are looking forward to the final month with both classes as they prepare for Year 2. The children continue to impress and make fantastic progress.

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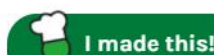
Healthy Eating

Recommend A Recipe!

Here is another teacher recommending a yummy, healthy recipe for you from the Change 4 Life website 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

Carrot and sultana mini pancakes recipe

Quick to make and delicious to eat!

 I made this!



Prep time

10 mins

Cooking time

10 mins

Effort

Medium effort

Serves

8

Ingredients

100g wholemeal self-raising flour

1 tsp ground mixed spice

1 large egg

80g grated carrot

4 tbsp low-fat, lower-sugar plain yoghurt

100ml semi-skimmed milk

30g sultanas or raisins

1 tsp vegetable oil

- 1 Put the flour, mixed spice, egg, grated carrot, yoghurt and milk into a large mixing bowl and use a hand whisk or fork to mix together thoroughly.

You could use white self-raising flour, but wholemeal has more fibre.

- 2 Stir in the sultanas (or raisins).

- 3 Heat a non-stick frying pan over a medium heat. Add 2 to 3 drops of oil. Cook tablespoonfuls of the batter in batches, turning them over after 1 to 2 minutes to cook the other side. Make 8 mini pancakes altogether, adding a further 2 to 3 drops of oil to the frying pan with each batch.

Keep in a food bag or airtight tin in a cool place for 2-3 days.





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!



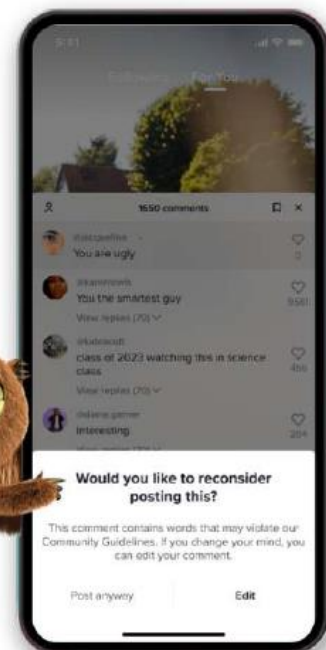
The Curiosity Beast

Let us introduce you to the Curiosity Beast. This little guy struggles to control his very curious nature. Sometimes, this can be a really positive experience where he can learn new things and have lots of fun. Other times, this can leave him feeling very anxious, fearful and sad about what he has read or seen. Let us tell you some more...



The Curiosity Beast!

This little guy is curious about the new feature brought out by TikTok that prompts people to consider their 'not so nice' comment before posting it. What the Curiosity Beast would like to know is, would this stop you from posting?



Why is he relatable?

The curiosity beast is simply a reflection of our own curiosity and human nature. He will help us in a few ways, but importantly the intention is to raise our own self-awareness. The curiosity beast cannot help sometimes but to read scary headlines, because deep down, he really wants to learn and make things better. Also, when someone mentions to him about a game, app, website or challenge that he hasn't heard of, no matter how much he tries, he cannot help but go and search for it even if he's been told how bad it is.

An important part of the Curiosity Beast, is he is very self-aware. He knows what he is feeling, but often 'does it anyway'. He also knows he deserves a more balanced approach to being given information, so that he can learn, with solutions to the problems rather than just simply being told all the scary stuff.

Getting information from Online Safety Professionals is important but beware of headlines from them that are not helpful. Find more practical solutions to Online Safety concerns with [Online Safety UK](https://www.online-safety.org.uk).

Free School Meals

If your child is currently eligible for Free School Meals, we are committed to helping you to access this provision. A Free School Meal is a statutory benefit available to school children of families who receive other qualifying benefits. If your situation has changed recently and to see if your child is eligible to receive free school meals please click on this link: [Plymouth City Council Free School Meals](#). If you are not currently eligible, including if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, please check your eligibility online as soon as possible if you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals. If you need additional support as your circumstances have recently changed then please contact us and we will try our best to help you!

RE at Marine Academy Primary

Mrs Critchlow has been extremely impressed with the Year 6 children in their RE lessons over the last couple of months. The children have participated in very deep philosophical discussions about the debate surrounding religion and science. They have showed maturity in considering a range of viewpoints and beliefs and have thought critically about how theories contradict. Furthermore, the children were open minded about how someone can believe in both religious and scientific ideas. The children have demonstrated that they can articulate their own opinions clearly and concisely. Outstanding learning!

Disability Football

Hunter District Football Club are currently looking into setting up an additional needs mixed group football team based in Plymstock for children age 10-14 years. The club would like to hear from families whose children may be interested in becoming players for this team.

The team is very much focused on inclusion and would be open to children with ASD, Down's Syndrome, hypermobility, hearing impairments, visual impairments, cerebral palsy, learning difficulties or those with any additional needs or medical condition. Fully qualified coaches would be provided, although parental support would be essential depending on the circumstances.

If you have a child who may be interested, please email Ross Hart at: mwelfare.hdfc@gmail.com



This term, members of the Academy Parliament from Years 3 to 6 took part in a fantastic online workshop with UK Parliament Education. They were also joined by our local MP - Johnny Mercer who answered lots of their questions! The Representatives really enjoyed learning about the Houses of Parliament. The virtual session was highly informative and gave the children a lot to think about. We cannot wait to have more meetings like this next year!

Year 5/6 Football Tournament

On Thursday 24th June, the Years 5/6 football team participated in another football tournament at Ennesettle Community School. After being narrowly defeated in their first match by Riverside Community Primary School, the team responded brilliantly by winning the second match against Ennesettle Community School 2-1 with the goals scored by Freddie. The team collaborated brilliantly and showed great belief and quality throughout the afternoon. Well done Team!

Here are some quotes from the footballers...

"I was very happy and jubilant when I scored the winning goal in the 2-1 win against Ennesettle." - Freddie

"We improved as the game went on by coming out strong in the second half. Our self-belief and teamwork helped us to achieve this." - Owen

"I was excited that we won our second match. Our off-the-ball movement helped us to find space and score some goals." - Billy



Marine Academy Primary have their very own balanceability instructors! Miss Rowe, Mr Ferry and Miss Codner have all completed their training and are now able to deliver sessions to our Pre-School, Reception and Year 1 children next year. We are very excited about this and can't wait to start leading sessions next year.



**NATIONAL SCHOOL
SPORT WEEK 2021**
Together Again

Monday 21st June saw the start of National Sports Week 2021. This year's theme was 'Together Again in Schools, Families and Communities'.

Some of the activities children completed in school included Pause to Play; time out to take part in physical activity throughout the day, football day on Tuesday; children had lots of footballs at break and lunchtimes as well as bunting decorating to show support for England during the Euro 2020.



Sports Days were held differently this year with children taking part in a carousel of different sports and activities. This included Basketball, Taekwondo, Archery, Golf, Scooting, Balance Bikes, Field Gun and Football to name a few! The days were really successful and the children loved exploring different sports. A big thank you to Plymouth Raiders, Discover Martial Arts and Mrs Hogarty's husband Tyler who is a golf pro!

Sports Leaders and Year 6 helpers supported three mornings and were fabulous helpers. The children showed amazing leadership qualities and were able to explain and demonstrate activities.

"I loved helping the little ones and seeing them smile!" Isabella

"I enjoyed helping with equipment, working as a team and helping people with their scooting." Paula

"I got to make new friends and I had fun." Victor

"I enjoyed being a Sports Leader and helping on Sports Day because I helped people on their sports day. I got to do golf!" Zaine

"I loved being a Sports Leader as I got to help people with different sports." Freddie





St Budeaux Library

From 12 April, we are open for:

- Browsing
- Borrowing
- Book returns
- Reservation collection
- Limited PC bookings

Our opening times are:

Tuesday – 9am to 6pm

Thursday – 9am to 6pm

Saturday – 10am to 1pm



HANDi Paediatric app: advice for common childhood conditions

The HANDi Paediatric app gives up-to-date advice about common childhood illnesses and how to treat them.

The app has been developed by paediatric consultants and provides access to home care plans, as well as GP and hospital clinical guidelines, for the most common childhood health care conditions:

- Diarrhoea and vomiting
- 'Chesty baby' illnesses, such as bronchiolitis, asthma and croup
- 'Chesty child' illnesses, such as wheezing and asthma
- High temperature
- Abdominal pain
- Common newborn problems

The app has been designed to help reduce the number of children and young people who visit A&E, but need no treatment.

Giving parents more confidence in dealing with minor conditions

The app contains information about when and how to ask for help, along with what to expect when your child is being assessed.

Parents generally don't want to take their children to A&E unless it's absolutely necessary – but often they end up there because they are not sure what else to do.

This app gives parents more confidence in dealing with minor conditions at home.

Parents answer a series of questions about the symptoms their child is experiencing. The app then advises on the best course of action, whether that's to treat at home, to make a GP appointment, or to head to A&E.



Donations Needed!

Uniform Store Plymouth - Click & Collect service for families

Redeemer Church are planning to open their pop-up city centre Uniform Store again during this summer's school holidays, and will be accepting donations from early July.

In the meantime, they have a Click & Collect service running out of the Church (at St Barnabas Terrace, Plymouth PL1 5NN). Families can access the service through their website - www.uniformstore@plymouth.co.uk under the 'Click & Collect' tab.

The form asks for details on what items they need and the Uniform Store will do their best to fulfil the request. At the moment they have very little in the way of logo uniform for schools, but can usually help with the basics of blouses, shirts, polo shirts, trousers, pinafores, skirts and summer dresses. Their Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/UniformStorePlymouth> - gives regular updates for people on the click and collect service and any donations needed.



RADFORD

COFFEE MORNING

Every Friday Term Time 0930-1100 **With a twist!**

Each month a different organisation or agency will attend to promote their services within the community

Offering a space to gain support from RN FPS and other Service Families

Tea and Coffee available

Children are welcome please provide their snacks

Limited numbers available please email:
NAVYNPS-PEOPLESPTRNFPSWEST@MOD.GOV.UK
 To book a place. Bookings need to be made weekly. Service families priority.




PLYMTOTS

CROWNHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE

WEDNESDAY TERM TIME 0930-1100

Parent baby and toddler group promoting interactive play through toys and games

Offering a space to gain support from RN FPS and other Service Families



Tea and Coffee for the grownups
 Bring snacks for children

Limited numbers please email:
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 Bookings to be made on a weekly basis. Service Families are priority



STAY & PLAY

a place for your babies and toddlers to interact and play through arts and craft!

Offering a space to gain support from RN FPS & other Service Families

Every Tuesday Term Time 0930-1100

At Radford Community Centre

Limited numbers please email:
NAVYNPS-PEOPLESPTRNFPSWEST@MOD.GOV.UK
 to book a place on a weekly basis.

Please bring snacks for children, tea and coffee provided for adults



SERVICE FAMILIES PRIORITY

CROWNHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

6-12 YEARS

EVERY WEDNESDAY DURING TERM TIME

FUN ACTIVITIES 1730-1900

HEALTH INFORMATION SNACKS

Limited numbers, please email:
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 Bookings made on a weekly basis.
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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 | Abigail (6DM) 299,879 |
| 2 | Chloe (4AJ) 253,970 |
| 3 | Jacob (5AD) 202,279 |
| 4 | Ebony (6DM) 183,876 |
| 5 | Isobel (5AD) 169,392 |
| 6 | Harry (6DM) 160,705 |
| 7 | Leo (6DM) 145,074 |
| 8 | Ava M (6AW) 138,789 |
| 9 | Freya R (5AD) 115,408 |
| 10 | Tia (2JB) 115,115 |

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

**10,994 books and
57,447,127 words!**



SHOUT OUTS!

Another awesome month of reading and quizzing on Bug Club and Accelerated Reader! Well done to these superstars!

Elysia (RAF), Sofian (RHR), Jamond (1MM), David (1SA), Tia (2JB), Sophia P (2CW), Cerys (3EB), Lily (3JN), Joshua (4AJ), Amelia-Jayne (4LG), Alfie (5AD), Noah (5LI), Archie C (6DM) and Tommy (6AW)!
Well done everyone!

Congratulations to Chloe in 4AJ who is now a word multi-millionaire!
Amazing effort, Chloe!

We now have two more super readers from Reception and Year 1 who are using Accelerated Reader!
Well done to Victor in RAF and Maya in 1MM for making such amazing progress in your reading!

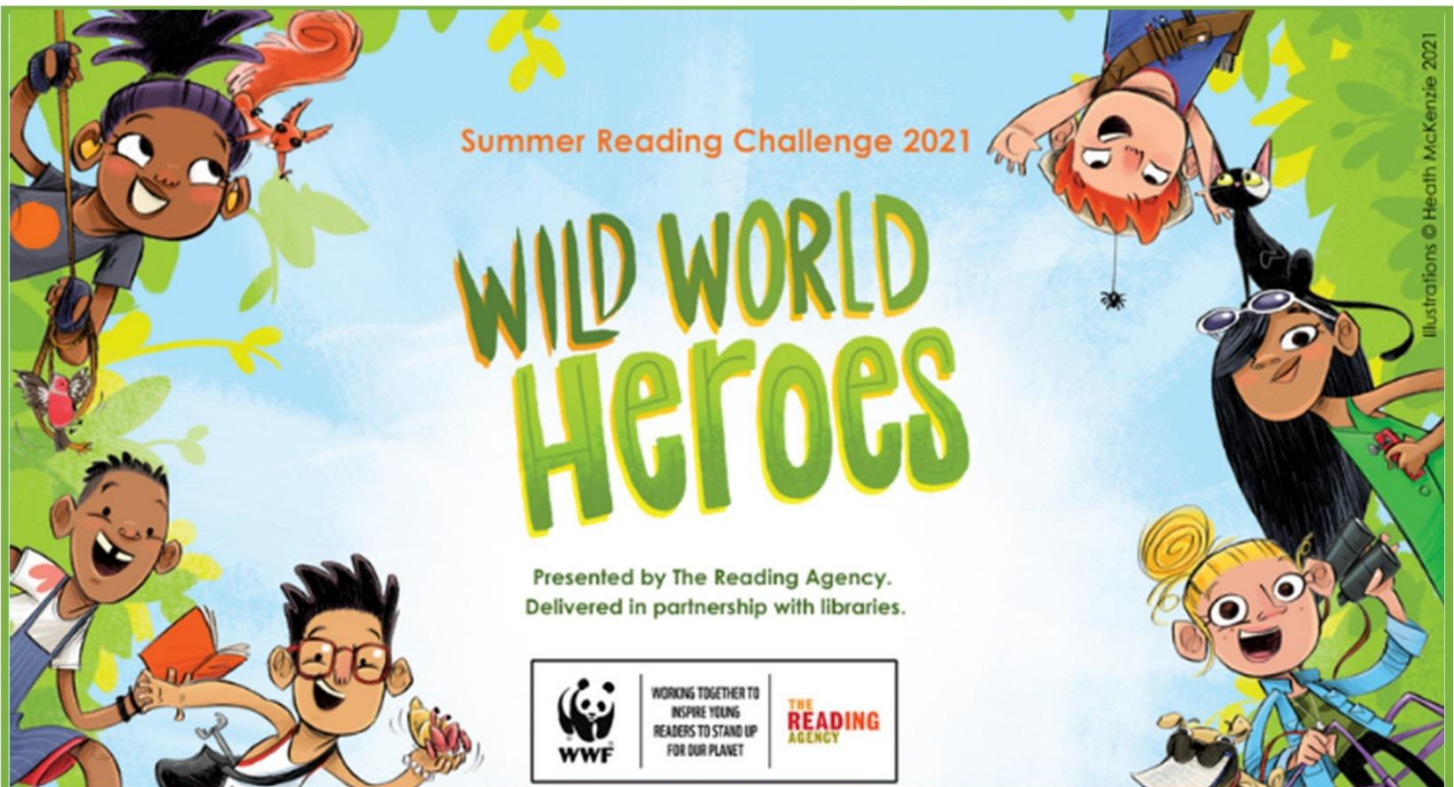




Unfortunately, our myON subscription has now expired so children will no longer be able to log in and read books on the website. However, if your child enjoys eBooks or audiobooks, remember that every child in the school has a login for the Schools Library Service's catalogue of online books to read or listen to. To login, visit <https://plymouthlss.wheelers.co> or download the ePlatform app. If you can't remember your child's login or need any help with this, please email their year group email address and someone will get back to you.



Also, if you have a public library card, you can get a login for their catalogue of eBooks and audiobooks using the Libby app. Visit <https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/libraries/ebooksandaudiobooks> for more information.



Go **wild** for reading with the Summer Reading Challenge!

For this year's Challenge, The Reading Agency has partnered with WWF to create 'Wild World Heroes', which will inspire children to take action for nature and the environment. Join the Wild World Heroes for an exciting adventure in the fictional town of 'Wilderville'. Through reading books, collecting rewards and learning all about our planet, challenge participants will help the Heroes make Wilderville a greener place to live.

The Challenge is the perfect summer activity to build young readers' skills and confidence during the long break from school. From Thursday 1st July, children can head to their local Plymouth library to collect a special Wild World Heroes pack. There is a medal and certificate for every child that completes the challenge! It is available in all Plymouth libraries from 1st July until 11th September. Children can also take part online through the official digital Challenge platform <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>.

The Summer Reading Challenge is aimed at children aged 4 to 11 and those under 4 can take part in the Mini Challenge.

For more information, please watch this video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RvSjL6uNOQ> or visit the website www.plymouth.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge. The staff at Plymouth Libraries look forward to seeing you this summer!

Finger food without the **FEAR**



Breath, chew, swallow – seems simple enough, but babies and toddlers are still learning which comes first!

That's why it's so easy for food to get stuck.

Things to remember:

Round food is not our friend

- Avoid round food - cut grapes, cherry tomatoes, cherries etc in half lengthways and ideally in quarters
- If you get the fruit bags with grapes when out – ask for a knife to go with it

Think long and thin

Anything smaller than a two pence piece can get stuck

- Narrow batons are best for vegetables like cucumber, carrots or celery
- Hot dogs are big culprits so cut them in half and lengthways (really narrow)
- Lumps of meat or cheese need to be cut as narrow as you can



Save the hard stuff for later

- Things like boiled sweets, ice cubes or cough sweets are too big and slippery for young children so avoid them
- Nuts, popcorn and other similar snacks are best kept until children are a bit older and more competent eaters

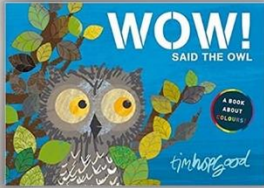
Take it easy, tiger

- It's never too soon to start teaching children to sit still when they eat. You're likely to sound like a stuck record, but it's worth the effort as really reduces the risk
- Remind children to chew what they have in their mouths before putting more in ... little, by little



Recommended Reads From Miss Mitchell

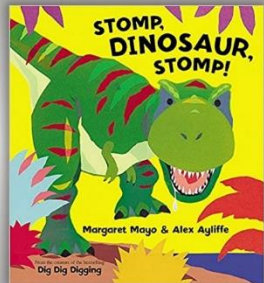
Please feel free to send us any written or recorded book reviews and we will try to share them with the author!



Nursery

Wow Said the Owl by Tim Hopgood

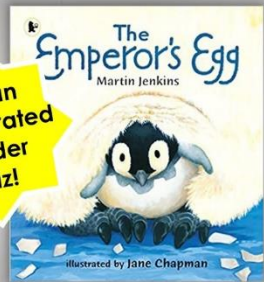
A lovely story about a curious little owl who stays awake during the day time, discovering all the colours of the rainbow from her perch in her tree. This is a great story to help children to learn their colours, with bright and colourful illustrations and wonderful descriptions. Join in with the owl's awe of nature in all its colourful beauty!



Pre-School and Reception

Stomp, Dinosaur, Stomp! By Margaret Mayo and Alex Ayliffe

This is a fun book, introducing children to the most well-known species of dinosaurs and how they behave. The author has used a great variety of vocabulary to describe each dinosaurs' actions and children will love joining in with the rhythm and words. There are other books in the series from the bestselling creators, including Dig Dig Digging, CHOO CHOO Clickety-Clack! and EMERGENCY!

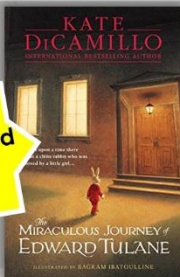


Has an Accelerated Reader quiz!

Year 1 and 2

The Emperor's Egg by Martin Jenkins and Jane Chapman

A tale of endurance, devotion and survival, this brilliant non-fiction text tells the amazing story of how emperor penguins care for their eggs and the incredible lengths they go to ensure they are well looked after. Beautiful illustrations, accompanied by interesting facts on every page, take the reader on the extraordinary journey from egg to chick.



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Year 3 and 4

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo

A very different kind of story which takes you on a journey with the main character, a porcelain rabbit called Edward Tulane. Edward is adored by his owner, Abilene, however, Edward only loves himself, until one day, when he becomes separated from her. An amazing journey then unfolds, with Edward experiencing worlds he has never come across before and acquiring new owners who have a huge impact on him, eventually teaching him what it really means to love and care for someone.



Has an Accelerated Reader quiz!

Year 5 and 6

A Pinch of Magic by Michelle Harrison

Betty Widdershins just wants to explore the world but her granny won't let her. Along with her two sisters, Betty learns the reason why they have never left the isle of Crowstone...they're cursed! After inheriting three enchanted objects, the sisters embark on a dangerous journey to try to finally break their family free from the curse. A magical adventure that will keep you wanting to read more, this book is the first in a trilogy, of which we have all three books in the Library.



38 Things



It is exciting to see that children are getting close to completing their '38 Things' booklets (we have even see a completed one). The deadline is **Monday 13th July** for all booklets to be handed in so if you still have some activities to complete - it's time to get busy!



Thank you for helping us to support our British Armed Forces this year by sending your children into school wearing red, white and blue on Armed Forces Day. We managed to raise a grand total of £327.47 for the Royal British Legion. The children (and staff) had a fantastic day taking part in Army style Boot Camps delivered by South West Survival. It was wonderful to witness the grit and determination of even our youngest children as they moved tyres, carried medicine balls, commando crawled across the field and much more! All children from Nursery to Year 6 learnt how to perform each of the three salutes used in the Royal Navy, The British Army and The Royal Air Force as a way to pay tribute to all members of the British Armed Forces past and present.

High 5 Holiday Clubs provide action-packed experiences full of creative challenges, sports and outdoor activities across popular and easily accessible venues for young children from 5 years old in Plymouth and Devon. Their Summer Holiday Club will be running throughout the Summer Holiday period from 8.30am until 4.30pm, Monday to Friday. For more information, and to book follow the link to their website [High 5 Sports Camps](#)



Choking

Each day around 40 under 5s are rushed to hospital after choking on something, or swallowing something dangerous. Food is the most likely cause, but small objects and toys can also be risky for young children. Choking can be completely silent with no sound to warn you something is wrong

child accident prevention trust



Did you know?

Babies and young children haven't learnt how to chew, swallow and breathe in the right order. They sometimes get them mixed up, and that can cause choking.

Babies learn about the world by putting things in their mouths. You might pick up an object to get a closer look, but your baby will probably want to chew it to find out more!

Peanuts can be dangerous if a child chokes on them so it's best to avoid giving them to children under 6.

Babies and young children can choke on food you think is quite soft and small, like a whole grape, a cube of jelly, marshmallows or a piece of hot dog.

The Child Accident Prevention Trust have produce some guidance for parents which will help to avoid choking in children.

Delighting Writing!

This month, it's time to feature some fantastic writing from Year 6. We start off with two superstars who wrote a letter in response to Gareth Southgate's open letter. They did this independently during their Early Morning Learning and we're so impressed with their mature and articulate responses! Well done, Owen and Ava M!

Dear Gareth Southgate,

I really enjoyed your letter and agree the England football team don't deserve to be booed when taking the knee. I believe that they deserve all the support they get ~~in~~ at their matches but I wish they could get more support through social media and not have racist comments thrown at them.

Yours sincerely,

Owen

P.S I am so ~~exaled~~ excited for ~~the~~ EURO 2021



Superb Owen!

Fantastic Ava!

Dear Gareth Southgate and The England Football Team,



England deserve your support on all social media. We all believe in different things but I know we believe in similar things. People around the world and England shouldn't be abused from playing football or anything else, for that matter.

[All footballers don't deserve all the racist comments they get]. It's strange to think people ^{can be so different, yet so} have come this far from a ^{similar} ~~normal~~ person. I don't really watch football but people look up to people like you and it's inspirational to see how you ^{got} have all come. Yours sincerely

Ava . M

These next super writers have written some insightful pieces about one of our favourite children's authors, Michael Morpurgo. Well done Ruby-May and Ebony!

Learning Objective: I can quote a famous children's author. 😊VV

- He was a teacher for his job.
- He writes on his bed not his desk because there's no distractions.
- He writes about animals because it interests him how humans and animals get along so well.
- He gets inspiration from objects and things around him.
- He was born on 1943
- He has a farm in Devon.

The Farm

Life at Nethercott Farm:

I was born in London on the 5th of October 1943, at the end of the Second World War. Unexpectedly I have wrote over 100 books, I am very surprised but im also proud of how many I wrote. I had been a teacher for atleast ten years. I also live on Nethercott farm in Devon, I really like the animals here. I mostly get inspired by objects and interesting things around me, I also get inspired from books, especially 'Treasure Island'. My old class also inspired me to write books. Instead of writing on my desk im more comfortable writing on my bed because theres no distractions and its calming. One of my favourite animals are elephants. I enjoy kids coming to the farm and help the animals also being very friendly to them. I have 3 children and a wife. their names are: Sebastian, Horatio and Rosalind.

Lo: I can quote a famous children's author. 😊 ✓✓✓

- Michael writes on his bed.
- He likes to be able to concentrate.
- He started off as a story teller.
- Michael always tells his stories to his wife.
- He likes to start his stories with a dead line.
- He is interested about the bond between animals and children - why he writes so many books on animals.
- He likes to explore.
- Michael likes to write in first person so that he feels inside the story.
- Michael's wife loves war horse.
- He set the sequel of war horse on his farm. ✓

My Books

how I write my stories

I started off as teaching in a year six class, I told stories to the 35 children. One afternoon, I grabbed a ^{book} and read to the classroom. I could tell they were not 'interested by the novel, so the next day I had an incredible idea. I told them all a story of my own. There were no nose picking, no giggling with fingers and no staring out of the window. This had inspired me to become a children's story writer, when I wrote the famous book, 'war horse'. I prefer to write my stories relaxed on my bed, with my knees propped up with my note pad layed against them. I must concentrate when writing, this is because I like to feel in the story, which leads to why I write in first person. I love to write in first person in a made up story, I like to feel inside the character's shoes. I got my inspirations from the war, and the bond between animals and children, which is why I write many animal books. I set the sequel of war horse on my farm, where I enjoy for children to visit. I start all my stories with a dead line, followed upon a hectic, energetic sentence. When I write, I jot down 1,000 words at a time, tell them to my wife and then leave it to later. ✓

Fantastic!

