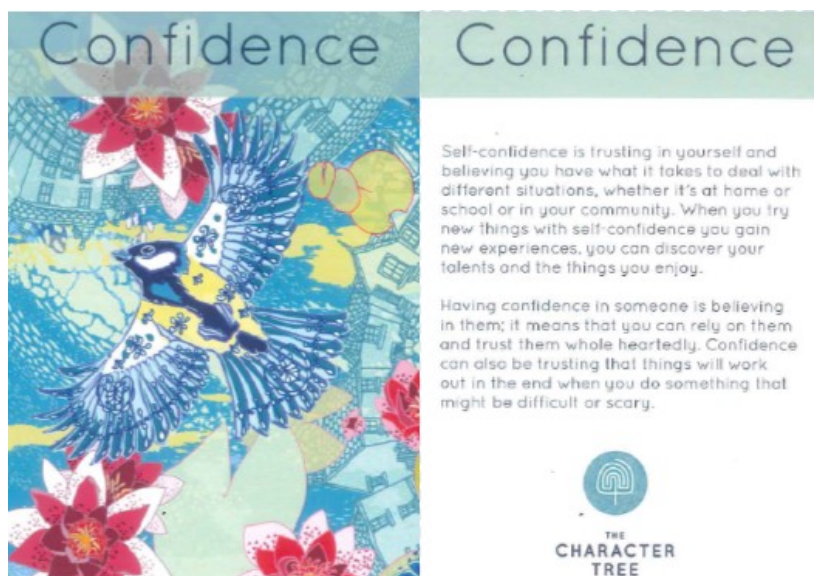




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## This week's virtue is "Confidence".

**Foundation stage** - This week the children started their new topic "Our World in Space" we began by looking at where we live and revising our learning from last term but also looking at maps of Cornwall and England the children have been shown where Porthleven and Truro are located.

In maths, the Reception children have been looking at one more and one less up to 5. In literacy, they have continued to revise the sounds they already know and they have had a go at writing what they can see from the pages of Corals story all about our village Porthleven.

The children have really enjoyed making paper aeroplanes and trying to throw them through hoops.

The Nursery has played rhyming games they especially enjoyed the bingo game!

They have been finding one more and one less with objects up to three, building towers, and adding more brick each time. We also

talked about their Christmas what they did and they painted a picture of a present they received.

Please remember Forest School sessions run on Thursday afternoon please make sure your child has plenty of layers to wear and a hat, scarf, and gloves.

## Key Stage 1

**Year 1** - Year 1 have been busy this week thinking about their holiday and wrote a thank you letter to Father Christmas. We have also been learning about Seasons and how we know it is Winter. We will also be learning the parts of the human body in science this half term. In history the children have started reading the book, A Street Through Time and will explore the different time periods from the book. Please talk to your children about things being in chronological order to help them understand. This term we will be having a student teacher, Mrs Robertson join us who we will introduce you to in the next couple of weeks.

**Year 2-** Happy New Year everyone. This term our new topic is called 'A Street through time', a history topic. We will learn how people's lives have changed from the Stone Age through to Medieval times. We started our first lesson on chronology this week. The children learnt what this meant and built their own time lines. Look out for the Knowledge Organiser arriving home soon. They have also had their first lesson of the term on internet safety. In Science, we begin our topic on animals, including humans. Ask your child if they can remember the difference between an herbivore, Omnivore and Carnivore. In Maths, we have started looking at Money. If you get a chance, empty your purse/pocket and ask you child to count the amount. The focus of our mental maths this term is x10 and x2 tables and the corresponding division facts. The latest Kirfs sheet will also arrive soon. Half way through the term, the children will be making a small castle in DT. Please could you start collecting any small boxes and toilet/paper towel tubes. Thank you.

## Key Stage 2

**Year 3/4** - The children have settled in really quickly this week and we look forward to an action packed half term.

**Important Reminder** – we have approximately 9 children who have NOT yet replied to the Gangster Granny Hall of Cornwall trip so please make sure that you have completed the initial returns slip stating that your child wants to attend or not, so that we can cater for them. If you need the information resending, please contact the main office. The second letter will be sent to you on Monday, where times of transport, payment advice and any other relevant information will be included.

The children have completed their accelerated reader assessments and were given their reading ages and new book ranges. If you have any questions about this, please contact their teacher.

This week, there were a number of children without coats/jumpers. Please make sure that they have the suitable clothing for the colder temperatures.

This term, we are looking at Coasts in geography and we are hoping to complete a beach field trip. Part of the learnings opportunities include looking at how the coast is formed and characteristics found on the beach. If you do go walking along the coast, and want to send any photographs through google classroom, we will make sure we share them with the class.

**Year 5/6** - Year 5/6 have started their new literacy topic this week and are reading chapters from Lemony Snicket's a series of unfortunate events and producing writing about the characters and descriptions in the book. We are starting our new history topic for this half term which is the 'Shang Dynasty' and are looking at British Values in PSHE. The Year 5's animation project 'A Porthleven Tale' they completed with Helston Museum of Cornish Life and local animator Amanda Lorens is finally finished! We started this back in September when the Year 6 were at camp and have worked on it over the Autumn term. We look forward to sharing this with the children next week and will upload it to the website for parents to enjoy – the drawings, story and voiceovers are all the year 5 children's own work.



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## **\*\* Welcome Back and Happy New Year\*\***

**COVID Guidelines - If your child has any COVID symptoms or a positive lateral flow or PCR test then please ensure that they begin isolation immediately and let the school office know.**

**Lost Property** - We have had an F&F green and black padded coat (age 11-12 years) handed in - if this belongs to your child please collect it from the school office.

**End of term timings** - There was some confusion surrounding the last day of term finish times. Just to confirm that Friday 18th February 2022 will be a normal school day ending at 3:15pm. You would be notified via letter, email and newsletter if there were to be a change to the school day timings for any reason.

**Returning Tuesday 11th January 2022 - Parent & Toddler Group - Limited spaces - Every Tuesday - 9am to 11am - £1 per family - Please contact the school office to book your space** - Forest school activities, snack provided for children. Children will need to wear old clothes and bring coats. We will also be using our indoor spaces some weeks and if the weather is bad.

**POSTPONED - NEW DATE TO FOLLOW - Cross Country Race 4 KS2 - Tuesday 7th December - 4pm**

**Dogs on School Grounds** - please note that dogs are not allowed on school grounds at any time. They must be kept outside of the blue gates please.

**Earrings** - Children should not be wearing jewellery into school, the uniform allows one pair of plain studs but that is all.

**School Vacancies** - If the position below is of interest to you please contact the school office on 01326 562249 or email [secretary@porthleven.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@porthleven.cornwall.sch.uk) for an application form:

**Lunchtime Supervisors (two positions) - 5 hours per week**  
**TA Apprentices (two positions)**

**Music Lessons** - Mr Bilham has spaces available for drums, piano and ukulele and Mrs Thrussell has spaces available for flute, clarinet, trumpet or cornet lessons. For more information, including prices and to sign up please head to:  
[cornwallmusicservicetrust.org/signup](https://cornwallmusicservicetrust.org/signup)

**Poppy Appeal** - Thank you for all of your donations to The Royal British Legion from our poppy sales. Together we raised **£321.82!**

**Office Team** - You may have noticed that we welcomed a new member of staff to the office at the end of last term. Mrs Blight has joined Mrs Roberts in our school office. A reminder that the office will be open from 8:30am to 3:30am Monday to Thursday and closing at 3pm on a Friday. To contact the office please call 01326 562249 or email [secretary@porthleven.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@porthleven.cornwall.sch.uk).



**Mrs Roberts**



**Mrs Blight**





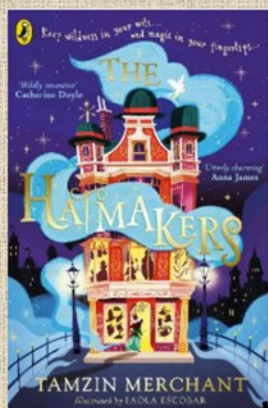
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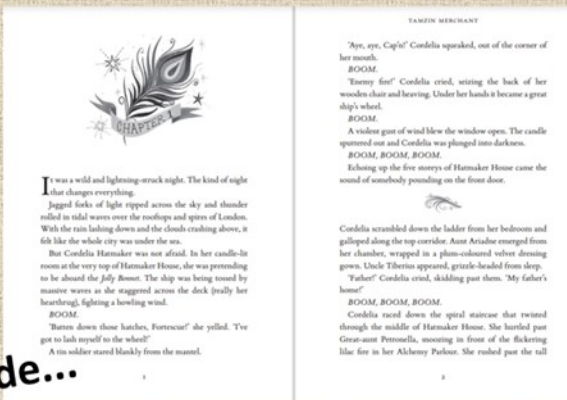
This week  
7+ readers



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Enter a spellbinding world in this soaring magical adventure, perfect for fans of *Nevermoor*, *A Pinch of Magic* and *Rooftoppers*.

Cordelia comes from a long line of magical milliners, who weave alchemy and enchantment into every hat. In Cordelia's world, Making - crafting items such as hats, cloaks, watches, boots and gloves from magical ingredients - is a rare and ancient skill, and only a few special Maker families remain. When Cordelia's father Prospero and his ship, the Jolly Bonnet, are lost at sea during a mission to collect hat ingredients, Cordelia is determined to find him. But Uncle Tiberius and Aunt Ariadne have no time to help the littlest Hatmaker, for an ancient rivalry between the Maker families is threatening to surface. Worse, someone seems to be using Maker magic to start a war. It's up to Cordelia to find out who, and why...



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### IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

**Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February 2022 - February Half Term**

**Monday 11th April to Friday 22nd April 2022 - Easter Holidays**

**Monday 2nd May 2022 - Bank Holiday - School closed to all children**

**Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022 - May Half Term**

**Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th July 2022 - INSET days - School closed to all children**

**Wednesday 27th September to TBC - Summer Holidays**