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Virtues -

This week's virtue is "Responsibility".

Foundation stage -

The children in Nursery and Reception have all settled well and are enjoying exploring their new classrooms.

This week the children have learned new number songs and the Reception children have played listening games.

The children have started to paint pictures of themselves looking closely at their features. The Nursery children have enjoyed acting out action songs and singing nursery rhymes some of the children went on a shape and colour walk.

Please remember old clothes next Thursday for Forest schools and shoes to change into.

Key Stage 1

Year 1 - The year 1s have settled into their new class brilliantly and have enjoyed getting to know their new learning environment. They have been reading the colour monster this week and understanding different emotions. In geography they have been learning where the UK is on the globe and have been drawing the national flower of England, the rose in art.

Year 2- Welcome back everyone. We have made a great start to the term with our geography topic. The children have been learning which countries make up the United Kingdom by using atlases to locate the countries and tissue paper to make national flags. They are so good I am putting them on our class display. In Art, we continued the UK theme and drew an English Rose. In Science, we have started looking at plants, with the children mind mapping why plants are important in our lives. In literacy, the children have spent all week talking and writing about what they did during the summer holidays. It was great that they all wanted to share their experiences with other members of the class. In maths, we have been looking at numbers to 100. The children have been using resources to build numbers, identifying tens and ones.

We have already collected quite a lot of cardigans and jumpers in the classroom. If your child is missing one please let me know. I would be grateful if you could just check that your child's name is on their clothes. It makes it easier at the end of the day to return them. Thank you.

Key Stage 2

Year 3/4 - Welcome to Narwhals and Swordfish news. The children have settled in really well and it has been so nice to get to chat to them a little more and get to know their interests.

This week, we have added a Welcome PowerPoint to the Google Classroom, along with help guides for homework and other useful websites that your children will be using in school. Your children will be given all their passwords on a sheet to make it easier for you to access the websites found on the classwork page. This sheet will include their Google Classroom log-in.

As parents/carers, you have all been sent an invite. Thank you to those that have already set up the account.

Letters linked to camp at BF Adventure came home earlier this week. Please contact your class teacher for any further information. Did you know that you can follow your child's quizzing on Accelerated Reader? If you have not yet connected, speak to your class teacher for a letter with all the details you need.

Year 5/6 - The children in Year 5/6 have settled in to the new school year really well. In maths, we have now begun our place value learning and in literacy, we have been re-capping key skills, writing potions for a perfect classmate, and beginning to read our class novels: Herons are reading 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom'; Kestrels are reading 'The Storm Keeper's Island'. Our topic this half-term has a history focus - we will be learning about how the ancient Greeks impacted modern day life. We have an exciting week coming up next week with Year 6 going off to Porthpean Camp and Year 5 visiting Helston Museum and taking part in workshops though the week. We will begin setting weekly homework the week after camp - your child will be coming home with information about this soon.



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Year 3/4 BF Adventure Camp - Monday 20th September to Wednesday 22nd September 2021 -

Children will need to come into school at normal time on Monday and will be leaving by coach for camp at around 11am. They will need a packed lunch and refillable water bottle for the first day please. Letters were sent home earlier this week including kit list etc. If you have any questions please give us a call on 01326 562249.

Year 6 Porthpean Camp - Monday 20th September to Friday 24th September 2021 - Children had their 'camp question' meeting in school on Tuesday and seem very excited for their camp! We will need children to be in school for **8:15pm on Monday** please to enable us to leave promptly and arrive at Porthpean on time for our activities. Children will need a packed lunch and refillable water bottle for the first day please. If you have any questions please give us a call on 01326 562249.

Year 5 Helston Museum Trip - Monday 20th September - Please ensure you have returned your child's completed consent form to the office by the beginning of the day on Monday. The trip is £2.57 and can be paid for via ParentPay. We will be travelling to the museum via coach.

Lunch Menu & School Lunch Payments - We will be on **WEEK 1** of the school dinner menu next week. A copy of the menu is advertised on our school Facebook page and website. School dinners remain £2.34 per meal and can be paid for via ParentPay. We have quite a few accounts in arrears from the last academic year, we would really appreciate if these could be kept balanced please. Payment should be made on the day your child has lunch or in advance.

Mask-Wearing/Parents In School - Whilst COVID numbers are high we will continue to ask parents to stay outside of the school building, if you need to talk to your child's teacher please contact the school office or catch them at the school gate at the end of the day. Things are moving in the right direction and as soon as we are able to change these guidelines we will send out more information. We also advise that masks are still worn when visiting the school office.

Parent & Toddler Group - Limited spaces - Every Tuesday (starting this Tuesday 21st September) - 9am to 11am - £1 per family - Booking essential - 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. Parents will need to bring their own hot drinks if they'd like one. We will also be using our indoor spaces some weeks and if the weather is bad.

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

Class PE Days - Children can wear their PE kit into school on their designated PE day. They can wear a pair of joggers and school jumper over their PE kit for colder days. Also, we will be taking part in the mile run through the week and so children are more than welcome to leave a pair of trainers in school for this.

Class	PE Day
Reception	Monday (Information on when children will need to bring in PE kits will come home shortly)
Year 1	Wednesday
Year 2	Friday
Narwhals	Wednesday
Swordfish	Friday
Kestrels	Friday
Herons	Monday

Tempest Photos - Mon 27th September 2021 - Individual photos for all year groups. Please note we will be unable to invite families in at this time. Consent forms will be coming home today. If you are happy for us to pass on your contact details to Tempest to enable you to purchase school photos you do not need to do anything. If you **do not** wish for us to pass on the details please return the form by no later than Wednesday 22nd September 2021 - your child will have their photograph taken for our records but you will not be able to purchase them.



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Book of the week - each week we will introduce you to a new book for all different age ranges and reading abilities. If you have a recommendation then please let Mrs Figgins know!

Book of the Week

This week
7+ readers



Look inside...

Book Information

ISBN: 9781788451994
 Publication date: 2nd September 2021
 Author: James Turner, Yasmin Sheikh
 Publisher: David Fickling Books
 Format: Paperback
 Pagination: 208 pages
 Suitable for: 7+ readers, 9+ readers
 Genres: Graphic Novels & Comics, Humorous, Science Fiction

Recommendations: Books of the Month



Star Cat

Written by James Turner, Yasmin Sheikh

Tell me more...

Super comic-strip space adventures are out of this world!

It's a space adventure, Jim, but not as we know it! Climb aboard the Star Cat, half-spaceship, half-cat, as it travels the infinite void of space. There you'll meet its well-meaning if frequently malfunctioning crew: Captain Spaceington, Science Officer PLIXX, Pilot and Robot One. They patrol the galaxy fueled by ice-cream and ever-ready (almost anyway) to save the universe, especially from arch enemy, the four-cornered fiend Dark Rectangle. This chunky collection brings together six of these brilliant stories, first published in the Phoenix Comic, and each one is guaranteed to have you on the edge of your seat one minute, rolling on the floor laughing the next. Space adventures don't come more comic than this, and comic strip adventures don't come better than Star Cat.

School Days Timings - September onwards - Our school day starts at 8:45am and ends at 3:15pm.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

Year 6 Porthpean Camp - Monday 20th September to Friday 24th September 2021
Year 3/4 BF Adventure Camp - Monday 20th September to Wednesday 22nd September 2021
Year 5 Helston Museum Trip - Monday 20th September 2021
Tempest Individual Photos - Monday 27th September 2021
October Half Term - Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October 2021
INSET Day - Monday 1st November 2021- School closed to all children
INSET Day - Friday 17th December 2021 - School closed to all children
Christmas Holidays - Monday 20th December 2021 to Monday 3rd January 2021