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Value of the month: Honesty

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Message from Mrs Francis

Dear Parents and Carers,

There is so much to tell you about!

This week we had a lovely visitor – Yuki – who talked to the children in assembly about Japan, her country of birth. She taught them about the festival of Setsubun (bean festival), which takes place in early February each year. Yuki made it lots of fun by getting the children to reenact the story and throw soya beans at the On-i demon (aka me with a demon mask on!). I'm sure it will be an assembly they will remember!

Year 3 have had a very exciting fortnight with two trips out. Last week, they had a fun time visiting Stoke Damerel Community College's art department to learn some new printing skills and this week they had an awesome time at Dartmoor Zoo. They had 2 workshops; one was about the rainforest and one about animal adaptations and classification. They also toured the zoo and enjoyed seeing all kinds of animals, but especially enjoyed the tigers, meerkats and capybaras. Thank you to Mrs Jewell for organising such interesting visits and to the parent/family helpers who supported the children on the trips.

Thank you to everyone for getting into the spirit of 'Dress to Express' Day. We had some fabulous clothing choices that really illustrated children's personalities or what they enjoy doing. It was lovely to see children beaming with pride to tell you what their reasons were for their clothing choices.

At the hot chocolate fund-raiser for Arts Week, we raised £230, which is absolutely fantastic! A big thank you for supporting this so magnificently and to Miss Northcott for organising it. Talking of fund-raising, we are taking part in the St Luke's Guiding Lights project to decorate a lighthouse, which will be on display somewhere in the city-centre by the summer. We were chosen to take part as we raised so much last year for St Luke's. Miss Northcott will send out more details about this next term, but in the meantime, we have set up a Just Giving page to raise money for St Lukes in sponsorship of our lighthouse. You can find it here: https://justgiving.com/page/collegeroad Thank you for all your support this term. Have a great half term holiday – see you on the 23rd February.

Mrs Francis 😊

New Trim Trail – UPDATE!

I am so excited to tell you, that we have acquired the remainder of the funding for the new trim trail and it will hopefully be installed, weather permitting, towards the end of March by Rhino Play. We have adapted the plan a little to include an accessible clatter bridge, and the trail will form a loop rather than a straight line. We are thrilled to finally be delivering this great resource for the children, that they helped to design.

PARKING

Please can we request that you park considerately at drop off and collection times. We have noticed that cars are being parked on double yellow lines across the drop curbs that allow prams and wheelchairs to safely cross the road. This is particularly noticeable on Barton Avenue behind the KEEP. Please think about safety, and if you need to park a little further away and walk your child the short distance to and from school, then that is better than endangering lives. Thank you for your support with this.



'Eat Them to Defeat Them' is back!



It's that time of year again when we encourage the children to eat lots of vegetables. You may have seen (or will see) the adverts on TV which you can watch here: https://youtu.be/C68TQ4uPcgg?si=YZI9yE3ox5lI1Ugo We will be encouraging children to try new vegetables at lunchtimes each week during Term 4. You can join in at home too and get defeating those vegetables!

Safer Internet Day

This week, we have been thinking about how to keep ourselves safe online. What our teachers are noticing, is that children are excellent at being able to explain in a lesson how they should keep themselves safe, but when it comes to using the internet outside school, they are not always applying their knowledge.

We are seeing cases of children talking to strangers online in the evening, of children hiding behind the safety of a screen and being mean to their friends, and of children playing games and using apps that are inappropriate for their age. Mrs Dinham shared some great resources for parents on Class Dojo, especially around the advance of AI into everyday internet use.

The internet is an **amazing** tool that we want our children to explore, but we also want them to be as safe as possible.

Important Dates for your Diary

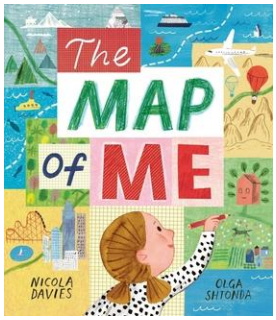
23rd February – First day of Term 4
26th February – Y4 Viking Experience – Soapbox Theatre
2nd March – Special musical concerts with Kip and Elfyn for all classes
3rd March – Babcock engineers visiting Year 2
5th March – World Book Day
6th March – Dr Plot visiting Year 3
20th March – Comic Relief – 'Red Nose Day'
16th – 27th March – Big Walk and Wheel Fortnight
23rd March – Proposed start to the Trim Trail build
1st April – Year 3 & 4 performances of Jack and the Beanstalk
2nd April – Last day of Term 4
21st April – First day of Term 5

SEN and Family Matters

The Family Hub at Morice Town is a wonderful source of advice and support for all families. Here are links to their website https://www.larkfamilyhubs.co.uk/ You can self-refer for support or we can help you complete a referral. Also, if you would like advice about anything to do with SEN, there is a new phoneline you can call: 01752 307049, or you can contact PIAS https://www.plymouthias.org.uk/ who can provide advice.

Book Club Key Stage 1

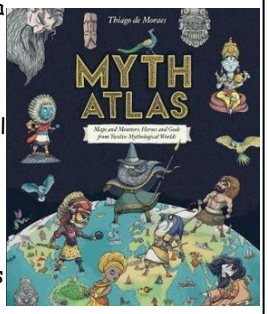
A girl moves to a new country, and away from everything she knows. Before, she knew where everything was – from where the cereal was kept to the shadiest tree. But this new place is a disorientating experience. She doesn't know where anything is and feels so lost. Mum helps her create a map of her new home and streets, which helps. But the girl wants to add Grandma and Joe-Dog from back home to the map, so she makes it bigger. This helps her to understand that although there are whole countries between them, they can still be on her map. Just knowing that makes the distances shrink.
Life is complicated and map making can be a great way for children to reflect on the things that are important to them, to visualise their unique experiences, and remind them that connections can remain strong, despite distance or change.



Here is a link to buy the book on Amazon: https://amzn.eu/d/0cd

Book Club Key Stage 2

Did you know that the Yanomami people of the Amazon rainforest believe that the universe has four planes, stacked on top of each other? Or that in the Yoruba tradition, Shango, the orisha of thunder and justice, owns a powerful double-headed axe similar to Norse storm god Thor's hammer Mjolnir? The mythological worlds of 12 cultures from Ireland to Japan, Polynesia to the mythos of the Hindu world are explored here in a beautiful collection.
Looking at a cross section of mythologies in this way shows interesting parallels and similar concepts and icons across cultures, as well as helping children to celebrate and respect the wonderful differences in the way different people see the world.



You can buy it from Amazon here: https://amzn.eu/d/001H5yLC

Class Attendance Week Ending 06.02.26

Kittiwakes – 93.79 %
Guillemots – 97.5 %
Shearwaters – 97.59%
Little Egrets – 97.86 %
Oystercatchers 98.62%
Sandpipers – 81.33%

Week Ending 13.02.26

Kittiwakes – 97.59 %
Guillemots – 99.64%
Shearwaters – 98.97%
Little Egrets – 95%
Oystercatchers – 86.21 %
Sandpipers – 81.33 %

Star Books

W/C 02.02.26

Puffins – Amelie
Y1 – Ezra
Y2 - Alana
Y3 – Aubrey
Y4 – Evia
Y5 – Wren
Y6 – Jacob



W/C 09.02.26

Puffins – Jagger
Y1- Chloe
Y2 – Tilly
Y3 - Layla
Y4 – Norah
Y5- Wren
Y6 - Vinnie

Values Ambassadors

Congratulations to our Values Ambassadors! Each week, 2 children per class are chosen because of the great values they have displayed all week.

Week Ending 06.02.26

Puffins - Myah & Jaxon
Kittiwakes – Audrey & Cobie
Guillemots – Freddie & Alana
Shearwaters – Ezra & Arabella
Little Egrets – Madina & Evia
Oystercatchers – Kian & Oscar
Sandpipers – Layla & Kabiri

Week Ending 13.02.26

Puffins – River & Mabel
Kittiwakes – Darbey & Chloe
Guillemots – Lilly & Isabella W
Shearwaters – Olive & Aubrey
Little Egrets – Eli & Mimi
Oystercatchers - Kian & Jasper
Sandpipers – Vinnie & Leia

Learner of the Week Certificate Winners

Week Ending 06.02.26

Puffins – River-James
Kittiwakes – Owen
Guillemots – Medlyn
Shearwaters – Wyatt
Little Egrets – Rory
Oystercatchers - Florence
Sandpipers – Evie M

Week Ending 13.02.26

Puffins – Albie
Kittiwakes – Anaiya
Guillemots – Mabel
Shearwaters – Lily
Little Egrets – Eli
Oystercatchers – Archer
Sandpipers – Thomas

Years 3 and 4 took part in an Indoor Athletics event at The Life Centre.









In Art, Year 4 used Mod Rock to make ancient Greek pots.










Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic day out at Dartmoor Zoo.














Years 5 and 6 worked really hard taking part in indoor rowing.








Year 3 enjoyed a morning of art at Stoke Damerel









Our wonderful Headteacher's award winners

