

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to share some of the amazing things happening at our school this week.

Our forest and beach school sessions on the beach this week have been absolutely brilliant! The children have been exploring nature, getting their hands dirty, and learning so much in the sunshine on the beach. It's been wonderful to see them grow and develop their skills in such a natural setting.

We also had a fantastic celebration of World Book Day this year, with everyone getting involved and showing their love for reading with gusto. The costumes were amazing, and the children's creativity really shone through! Reading is so important for your child's wellbeing - it opens up new worlds, sparks imagination, and helps them learn and grow in so many ways.



I'm delighted to announce that our bikeability sessions are now underway, teaching our children valuable life skills and promoting road safety. It's such an important lesson for them to learn, and we're proud to be able to provide this opportunity for them to develop their confidence on two wheels.

Thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement in all that we do here at school. If you have any questions or would like to chat further about any of these updates, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We are always here to support you and your child in every way we can.

Warm regards

Miss Coombe



Some important information for next week-

- PE for all classes every **Friday** (children may come to school in PE kit and stay in it all day)
- Forest and Beach session **12.3.24** for Reception - volunteers welcome

Dear Thurlestone School families

You are invited to another Frazoo Show Live: Remarkable Reptiles and Colossal Creepy Crawlies at Torquay Museum.

Saturday the 16th of March at 1:30 pm

Entry 16+:£5, 11-15 inclusive: £3, children under 11 are free!

You can book tickets online for this event on the Torquay Museum website. The last show was a sell-out so do get tickets beforehand.

Hope to see you there, please come and say hello!

Frazie Hulbert

### Spring Term Dates

Date	Event
12.3.24	Forest School for Reception
15.3.24	Red Nose Day-"Red to Toe" or Mufty
19.3.24	Forest School for Butter Cove and Nursery
11.3.24 - 15.3.24	Residential Trip for Years Five and Six
28.3.24	Easter Service in Church 8.40am drop off at Church. Year 4 and 5 Parents invited to attend
28.3.24	Last Day of Spring Term
29.3.24 - 15.4.24	Easter Holiday
16.4.24	First Day of Summer Term
10.05.24	Bikeability for remainder Year 5's.





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Juggling work and life can sometimes be challenging. Available support with the costs of childcare can make this easier. We want you to be aware of government support for your children attending our Nurseries or Wrap around Care Childcare Provision.



## OUR NURSERY FUNDING CHOICES

Age 3-4 years				Age 2 years			
ALL PARENTS				FAMILIES RECEIVING SOME ADDITIONAL FORMS OF GOVERNMENT SUPPORT			
15 HOURS	15 HOURS	15 HOURS	15 HOURS	15 HOURS	15 HOURS	15 HOURS	15 HOURS
Now	APR 2024	SEP 2024	SEP 2025	Now	APR 2024	SEP 2024	SEP 2025
WORKING FAMILIES				WORKING FAMILIES			
30 HOURS	30 HOURS	30 HOURS	30 HOURS	15 HOURS	15 HOURS	30 HOURS	
Now	APR 2024	SEP 2024	SEP 2025	APR 2024	SEP 2024	SEP 2025	

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## All Saints Thurlestone Academy Weekly Bulletin

Welcome to our weekly bulletin. Below you will find lots of useful information and lovely news from your child's classroom.



# Steeple Cove Nursery

This week Steeple Cove have been focusing on ... Mother's Day

This week Steeple Cove have been spreading the love by getting creative making Mother's Day cards. The children showcased their artwork by decorating photo frames for their mother's, it was beautiful to hear the children discussing their Mother's to each other and expressing how much they love them and what they love about them.

On Thursday, the children donned on their outfit of choice choosing either a word or book character. The children all looked fantastic, and it was great to hear each other discuss their outfit of choice and what their favourite story books are. Together we shared many stories throughout the day with each other and created some 'World Book Day' bunting. This will be displayed around our book corner.

On Friday we were joined by Mrs Shea from Tesco to help us create a Mother's Day flowerpot out of clay and make some flowers to keep in the pot. These all look so adorable and cannot wait to share them with you!

Throughout the week we became chefs and made some wonderful rainbow vegetable pizzas. The children had a blast chopping the ingredients and adding them to their pizzas, these were unbelievably delicious and made the class smell scrumptious.



Star of the Week!



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## Autumn

You are our fabulous star this week for your amazing continuous work with your writing and your phonics. We especially are blown away with your beautiful artwork. You are a real superstar, Autumn!



## Yarmer Reception / Year One

Although I am not technically supposed to be in school on Thursday, I couldn't help but sneak in to see all the children in their amazing World Book Day costumes yesterday. They all looked incredible and were so excited to tell me all about their outfits. Thank you for your hard work - It means so much to the children! Within our maths learning both Reception and Year One have been learning about weight, length and volume. There has been lots of practical exploration using rulers and balance scales to find out about these concepts. We used non-standard measurement (cubes etc) to begin with before introducing reading a scale. Within their history learning, the Year Ones have been thinking about King Charles and have been discussing the Coronation. The Reception children have enjoyed learning about describing words to help make their sentences more exciting.

### Home Learning

#### Reception:

- Keyring & reading
- Letter formation practice worksheet 'h' - 'horse'
- Maths - tallest, shortest worksheet

#### Year 1:

- Maths - measuring worksheet
- Reading
- Handwriting sheet

Reading in Yarmer: Reading is key to everything your little one will do in school and we want every child to be confident readers with a love of books. Your support with reading at home is key to this. Your child will bring home their reading record along with their RWInc books. It is really important that they read their book at least three times a week with a grown up. Please make a note of any comments in their reading record and we will follow them up in class.

Please note, Reception children will not be receiving a reading book until their newly taught phonic knowledge is fully embedded. Instead, they will be choosing library books for you to share with them. We will endeavour to visit the library each Friday.

RWInc reading books due in: Thursday

Library reading books due in: Thursday

New reading books: Friday

#### Star of the Week!



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Conor

Conor is a gentle, kind and hardworking member of our school family. He shines through with his impeccable attitude to learning, always listening attentively and keen to contribute his ideas. His maths knowledge blows me away week on week.

Well done Conor.

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#### Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

Last week's attendance was 94.%

Let's try and improve next week!



# Leas Foot Year One / Two

Wow! What a brilliant week we have had! I was so impressed with the children's choice of outfits to showcase different words such as Summer, Nature, Predator & Polychromatic yesterday, they were amazing! In our history learning this week, we spent time learning more about the King's Coronation. We watched a short snapshot and unpicked the meaning and symbolism of the Orb, Sceptre, Crown and Bible. In our RHE learning this week, we discussed the difference between a need and a want. We recognised that sometimes our grown-ups must prioritise spending money on needs such as bills rather than wants such as presents. In our Music learning, we worked in partners to clap the beat to a song whilst singing. The children were amazing at listening carefully and knowing when to incorporate a double clap.

## Home Learning

### Year 1

- Maths – measuring worksheet
- Reading
- Handwriting sheet

### Year 2

- Handwriting worksheet
- Maths task based on money which reflects our learning in class this week.
- Handwriting sheet

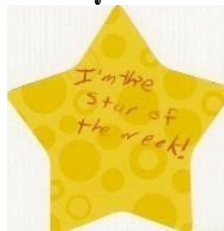
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RWInc reading books due in: Thursday

Library reading books due in: Thursday

Home learning due in: Thursday

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Poppie

Wow! What a superstar Poppie has been. She always goes above and beyond with her learning in class and is always on hand to help myself and others in class. Thank you Poppie! 😊

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Great improvement from last week but let's try and improve next week!

# Sedgewell Cove Three / Four

We had our final session of Forest School for this half term and it was a perfect afternoon. We spent the afternoon on the beach in the sunshine. During the session there were lots of artistic creations being made



from driftwood, shells and seaweed. We also found some amazing treasures!

As geographers this week we have been thinking about how mountains change over time and what causes this. We identified that mountains could change due to weather, erosion and volcanic eruptions. We then drew the journey of a mountain in our books.

As designers this week we have been experimenting with different materials to case our torches. We thought about the positives and negatives of each casing to record.

## Home Learning

**Toilet rolls needed-** please can you bring in any toilet rolls that you have at home to create the torches

### Reading

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### Home Learning

For home learning this week, I would like you to complete the world book day activity and complete a soundcheck on timestable rockstars.

### Spellings

The children will have a sheet of look, cover, write, check spellings to complete ready for a test on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

## Star of the Week



Isla

For such determination and hard work in her maths work this week! Such great work Isla, well done.

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# Butter Cove Four / Five

## This Week

Butter Cove have had another busy week with lots of learning. As linguists we have been learning the names of musical instruments in French and were quite surprised so many of them were so similar to the English words.

As writers we continue our diary writing unit and have really deepened our understanding of how Scott and his team felt during their expedition. The children have blown me away with some of their creative phrasing to express their thoughts.

As mathematicians we continue learning about fractions and have been looking at improper fractions and mixed numbers and have learnt a variety of strategies to convert between the two.

In RHE we are developing our economic awareness and have been exploring how we can save as well as spend our money alongside keeping it save through various places to store it, be it through current accounts or savings account. These are very important life skills for the future.

An absolute highlight of the school year is World Book Day and Butter Cove were dressed so creatively to represent a wide variety of vocabulary. Well done Butter Cove (and your parents)!



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### Home Learning

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### Spellings

The children will have a sheet of look, cover, write, check spellings to complete ready for a test on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March (Year 4) and 22<sup>nd</sup> March (Year 5)

### Star of the Week!



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Aggie!

Aggie is always an absolute superstar who is always impeccably behaved and always works hard. It has been particularly noticeable this week how she is developing her resilience in Maths. She has been unsure of some of her fractions work but has persevered and succeeded. Well done Aggie!

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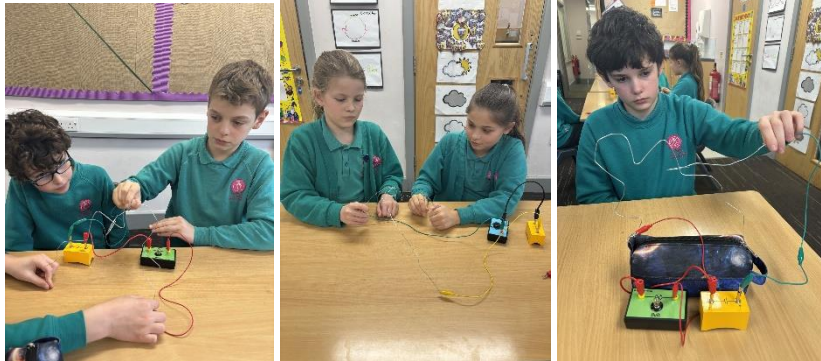
# Bantham Five / Six

## This week

This week Bantham have continued to amaze me with their hard work and resilience in everything that they do. As writers, Year 6 have been learning all about Mount Everest and during our sentence stacking lessons, they have been learning how to include lots of technical language as well as using a range of sentences to engage our readers.

During our RE lessons this week, the children spent some time learning about the Torah and how special and important it is to all Jews. It was interesting to learn how similar it is to the Old Testament in the bible as we noticed that so many of the stories were the same.

As scientists this week, Year 6 used their knowledge of circuits to create a steady hand game using wires and simple circuits. They learnt that the buzzer goes off because when the wires touch each other then the circuit is complete (just like a switch!)



## Home Learning

Home learning consists of reading, spellings, Maths and curriculum themed projects.

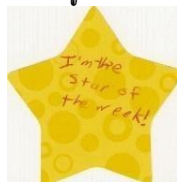
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### Home Learning

For home learning this week, I am setting a challenge to come up with an investigation or do some research around the theme time. Each week I will be setting the children 10 spellings for them to learn. These will come from the statutory Year 5/6 spelling lists. The children will be tested on these spellings every Friday.

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Edie!

Edie has really impressed me over the last few weeks with her hard work, speed and accuracy within her learning. Keep it up!!

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