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Perseverance Perseverance



Perseverance is not giving up when something is difficult or hard. It means you keep trying when things become challenging. Even when the challenge takes a long time, you don't give up.

You might need perseverance when learning to ride a bike or when your schoolwork is difficult. Perseverance is taking your time with things and doing them one step at a time. You can set yourself small goals that get you closer to where you want to be and stick with them until you get them done. Perseverance is bouncing back and trying again!



Virtues -

This week's virtue is "Perseverance".

Foundation stage -

This week the reception children have started learning their first set of sounds, m, a,s,d,t. They will be bringing home practise letter sheets which do not need to be returned. In maths, the children have been sorting objects into groups and counting them. The children have enjoyed looking at maps and spotting our school. The Nursery children have been using musical instruments to play patterns playing quickly, slowly, loudly, and quietly. We have also been counting out objects and subitising (looking at a number of objects up to 3 without counting them) In Forest schools, we have been making leaf monsters and playing games.

Key Stage 1

Year 1 - Year 1 have enjoyed writing about Lanky Len and Hefty Hugh this week in literacy using adjectives to describe them. One of their challenges this week was to retell the story of 'What the Ladybird heard on Holiday' using puppets which they also really enjoyed. They have also learnt about St David's Day and made daffodils to help understand the meaning of the day. In science we have been learning about plants and have made super flower power bracelets with the wild flowers we found on the school grounds in Forest School. Next week we will be using leaves to identify different types of trees. If you are out and about at the weekend it would be lovely to see different leaves the children find.

Year 2- This week the children have continued to look at London Monuments using compass points; North, South, East and West. The children have also had their first cooking lesson of the term, making some delicious looking scones. In Science they have enjoyed identifying different types of tree by their leaves and we have had an RE lesson learning all about St. Andrew. We have started a new book in literacy; 'The Deep Dark Wood' and the children have been using pictures, twigs, sticks, leaves and lots of bugs to write their own description of this setting. In maths, we have started sequencing numbers. Please practise this with your child in their homework. It's lovely to see that the children are reading at home and keen to quiz when they walk into the classroom. Keep it up.

Key Stage 2

Year 3/4 - This week, the children have started to look at the megacities New York and Tokyo as part of their topic. These were the first two megacities although they are now very different. The children were asking so many questions and were encouraged to find out any interesting facts so that we can add them to our topic board. Please feel free to post any information they find on Google Classroom or bring it in and we can add it to the topic board.

Spellings are now being completed weekly, along with times tables quizzes on a Friday. The children are informed of their scores every week and should be able to tell you how they did. The spellings lists can be found on Google Classroom. Next week will be week 3.

Thank you for those children who completed their homework. The homework can be found on Spag.com and MyMaths, using the log ins that your children have all now brought home. Uncompleted homework will be done on Friday during lunchtime.

Year 5/6 - The children in Year 5/6 have been very busy this week! We have started our new literacy topic on 'Twisted fairy tales' where we are taking traditional stories and changing them and have been rewriting character descriptions of Little Red Riding hood. In science, we are learning all about the life cycle of different animals and this week we compared the life cycles of reptiles and amphibians. We are also carrying on with learning about the Ancient Greeks in history. Homework has now been set this week for all year 5/6 to be completed next Thursday. Details on this can be found on your child's google classroom account and they should have their log ins as they were sent home before camp.



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Updated Public Health England Guidance for Schools - An email came home on Wednesday regarding new guidance for schools on managing COVID-19 cases. Please ensure you read both letters included in the email (also available to view in our noticeboard and on our school Facebook page) in full and let us know if you haven't seen it. 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. We ask that parents maintain social distancing measures whilst dropping off and picking up children. If you cannot do that, please wear a face covering to help keep both yourself and those around you safe. As well as the well known symptoms of coronavirus (a high temperature, a new continuous cough and a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste) **we now ask that if your child shows one of the following symptoms that they self isolate straight away and get a PCR test as soon as possible:**

- **Headache**
- **Sore Throat**
- **Fatigue**

Porthleven Arts Festival - 25th September to 3rd October 2021 - During these dates there are lots of different exhibitions, workshops etc. going on all around Porthleven Harbour - we have a few copies of the festival programme in the office should you want one. Our children took part in the festival's art competition producing beautiful pictures of nature; our Year 6 children entered from Porthpean Camp where they built impressive sand sculptures on the beach. We had three winners from Porthleven School - Congratulations Amos, Merryn and Chloe!
A selection of the children's work is being displayed in The Shipyard Market for the near future so please pop in and have a look if you're passing.



London Marathon 2021 - Everyone here at school would like to say a huge GOOD LUCK to Mrs Figgins ahead of the London Marathon this weekend. It's been a long time coming after the event was cancelled last year. We are all routing for you Mrs Figgins!

Tempest Photos - Parents should have been contacted directly by Tempest Photography via their new contactless ordering service. We will let parents know as soon as orders arrive in school.

Lunch Menu & School Lunch Payments - We will be on **WEEK 3** 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.

Compulsory Free School Meals KS1 - A gentle reminder that children in reception, year 1 and year 2 are compulsory free school meals.

Parent & Toddler Group - Limited spaces - Every Tuesday - 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. 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

Old World Book Day T-Shirts - last chance reminder - we have lots of unnamed t-shirts from last World Book Day when the children drew their own design on them. If you think your child's is here and would like it back then please pop to the office to have a look through before Monday 4th October, after this date they will be taken to the recycling centre.

PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale - Thank you to everyone who visited Hollie from the PTA at the second hand uniform sale this week. Hollie has raised **£58.00** so far and will be back at the school gates after school today if anyone would like to buy some uniform.



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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
5+ readers

Look inside...

Book Information

ISBN: 9781839130359

Publication date: 2nd September 2021

Author: **Russell Ayto**

Illustrator: **Russell Ayto**

Publisher: Andersen Press Ltd

Format: Paperback

Pagination: 32 pages

Suitable for: 3+ readers, 5+ readers

Will You Be My Friend?

Written by Russell Ayto

Tell me more...
 Bush Baby is so lonely - nobody wants to be her friend. Giraffe thinks she's too small. She's not pink enough for Flamingo. Lion, however, thinks she is just right to be his friend. And he'd never be so rude as to eat a friend.

Is Bush Baby very brave, very foolish, or just very, very lonely?

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

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

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

Friday 8th October - Understanding Your Child's Emotions Workshop with Ali Broome
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