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Gratitude

Gratitude is appreciating the things you have. It means being grateful for the people we have around us such as our friends and family. It is being thankful for the opportunities we are given to learn new things. It's also about appreciating your own gifts and talents. With gratitude, you can see challenges as opportunities for learning, we can find happiness in looking for something that we have enjoyed or are thankful for each day.



Virtues -

This week's virtue is "Gratitude".

Foundation stage - This week the children have listened to the story Super Duper You for anti-bullying week and used one word to tell their friends their favourite colour and something they like. The children have been learning about the Christmas story and the Reception children have discussed the order and sequenced the story.

In maths, they have been subtracting "when you subtract you take something away" the children have been using numicon, ducks, and skittles to help them practise.

At home you could use raisins to support subtraction, for example, I have 3 raisins and I eat one how many will be left?

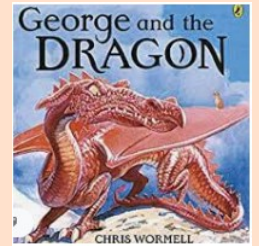
The Nursery has been focusing on the number two, singing songs and looking for 2 objects, and using

their fast eyes to see 2 objects without counting.

The children have also enjoyed using actions and body percussion to make different sounds passing them around the circle to their friends.

Key Stage 1

Year 1 - Year 1 have enjoyed starting to practice the KS1 Christmas play this week, especially learning the songs. It would be really helpful if children practice their lines and the songs for the play at home. In literacy have been reading the story, 'George and the Dragon' written by Chris Wormwell. Please read this story if you have it at home or watch it being read on YouTube. Next week we will be writing a description of the dragon from the story. In maths the children have been learning to use the addition and equals symbols while writing number bonds within 10. In Geography the children enjoyed using a map of Porthleven and drawing their route around the village for their walk today. Next week one of their challenges will be to draw a map of Porthleven, including places they have seen on the walk. Another challenge is to match capital letters and little letters. When the children are out and about over the weekend, it would be a great opportunity to look for capital letters with them



Year 2- The children have been practising hard again on their play. I have put a link to the songs on the google drive. The link has also been sent as an email. They have enjoyed singing in class. We would be grateful if you would help them learn them. This is their homework for this week! We have been doing some learning as well. In Geography, we looked at the survey we will be completing on Friday afternoon in Porthleven. If you would like to come with us please catch me Friday morning. We also took a walk to the local post box and amazingly the postman was there and was able to chat to the children (this was not planned!). In Science, we have been examining what is living, dead and was living once. In Literacy the children have been discussing and reading winter poems and in maths we have now moved onto subtraction. We are still looking for glass jam type jars for the children to complete a Christmas craft. Please give them your children to bring into school. Thank you.

Key Stage 2

Year 3/4 - This week, we have started to plan and write our own Cornish Legend. If I didn't watch the children develop them, I might have believed they were true myself! In math, we are looking at using the column method to add and subtract. If you have any questions about this, please let me know and I will happily talk you through it. I know that this is very different to when I was at school. We continue our journey from Stone to Steel and looked at the Amesbury Archer this week. Ask the children to tell you why he was important?

Year 5/6 - Year 5/6 have spent some time this week thinking about kindness and anti-bullying. We have talked about what can make us feel unsafe and what helps us to feel safe. Next week, Herons are looking forward to making their clay pots in art lessons (Kestrels have completed theirs). Thank you to all the children who are remembering to complete their homework. This is set on MyMaths and spag.com each Friday.



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Reception to Year 6 Flu Vaccinations - Thursday 2nd December - Letters were emailed home on Monday 8th November. This is an **OPT-IN** system and we will need a completed consent form by **midday on Tuesday 30th November** in order for your child to be vaccinated. Any problems please call the office on 01326 562249.



Christmas Dinner Pre-Order (Nursery & KS2) - Wednesday 8th December 2021 - £2.34 - Chartwells will be offering a Christmas dinner on this date, if you would like your child to have one then please can you call the office to **pre-order by no later than Friday November 26th 2021**. KS1 children will order in their classrooms.

Roast Turkey with all the trimmings

Roasted Vegetable and Cranberry Slice with all the trimmings

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Chocolate Brownie

Festive Shortbread



Foundation Stage Hall for Cornwall Cinderella - Tuesday 7th December - Payments can now be made via ParentPay. Please can we ask that payment is made no later than Friday 3rd December 2021. If you have any problems please contact us on 01326 565249.

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.

Understanding Your Child's Emotions Workshop with Mrs Broome - Tuesday 7th December 2021 - 1:30pm to 3pm - Porthleven Children's Centre - please contact the school office to book your place.

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.

School Vacancies - If either of the positions below are of interest to you please contact the school office on 01326 562249 or email secretary@porthleven.cornwall.sch.uk for an application form:
Lunchtime Supervisors (two positions) - 5 hours per week
Cleaning Supervisor - 15 hours per week

PTA News - The Christmas Fair will be cancelled, However, the PTA, along with year 3 and 4 have asked that you...

'Join us for a little Christmas sparkle after school on Friday 26th Nov. From 3pm, Year 3 and 4 children will be singing a small range of Christmas songs, where song sheets are available for you to join in. The PTA will have a Christmas stall, along with second hand uniform and cake sale. There will also be warm drinks for sale.

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



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**Book of the Week - Book of the week returns with a story recommended for readers age 7+.
 If you have any recommendations please pass them on to Mrs Figgins!**

Book of the Week

This week 7+ readers



Look inside...

Book information

ISBN: 978071255197

Publication date: 2nd November 2021

Author: Emily Hawkins

Illustrator: R. Fresson

Publisher: Wide Eyed Editions

Format: Hardback

Pagination: 64 pages

Suitable for: 8+ readers, 7+ readers, 9+ readers

Frozen Mountain

Written by Emily Hawkins
Illustrated by R. Fresson

Part of the Spin to Survive Series

Tell me more...

You are about to embark on a dangerous adventure. With this game in a book, use the pop-out Survival Spinner to learn your fate as you face peril after peril in a wild, rugged landscape. You become lost in the mountains after an emergency landing.

Among the snowy peaks, you are at risk from dangers including falling victim to hypothermia, being buried by an avalanche or stumbling into a deep crevasse. In your backpack, you have a sleeping bag, a thermal roll-mat, a bottle of water, a bag of nuts, waterproof matches, a pair of binoculars, a camera, a first aid kit and an old survival journal belonging to your grandfather.

As you confront each life-threatening challenge in this adventure-filled game book, place the Survival Spinner found inside the cover of the book on one of the circles on your current page, and spin. The place where the spinner points when it stops tells you if you have survived, are still living but injured or that you have perished, with a corresponding page number to turn to for each fate.

Throughout, you will learn about real-life survival techniques, including how to:

- Make a snow shelter
- Build a fire
- Survive a bear attack
- Treat a wound
- Use the sun and moon to navigate
- Cross a frozen lake

Harrowing tales of real-life wilderness survivors provide glimmers of hope as you deal with the consequences of your choices. One bad decision could lead to disaster... Frozen Mountain is the debut book in the exhilarating Spin to Survive series. Discover real-life survival tips and stories as you navigate your own perilous journey through the wilderness guided by your decisions and the removable Survival Spinner. Have you got what it takes to survive?

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- Friday 26th November 2021 - Pre-order deadline for Christmas dinner KS2 and Nursery**
- Friday 26th November 2021 - PTA & Year 3/4 Christmas Sparkle - From 3pm**
- Thursday 2nd December 2021 - Flu Vaccinations for Reception to Year 6**
- Tuesday 7th December 2021 - Foundation Stage Hall for Cornwall Trip**
- Tuesday 7th December 2021 - Understanding Your Child's Emotions Workshop with Ali Broome at Porthleven Children's Centre**
- Wednesday 8th December 2021 - Chartwells Christmas Dinner**
- Friday 17th December 2021 - INSET Day - School closed to all children**
- Monday 20th December 2021 to Monday 3rd January 2022 - Christmas Holidays**
- Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February 2022 - February Half Term**