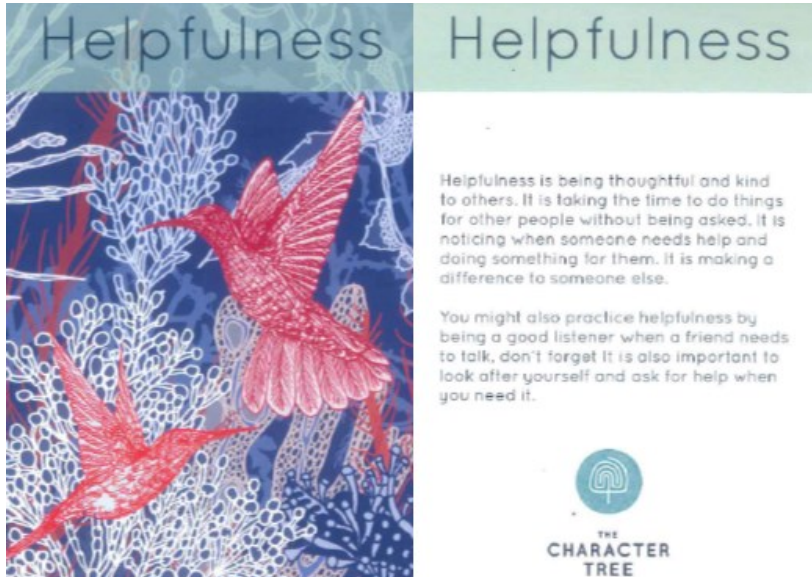




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## This week's virtue is "Helpfulness".

### Foundation stage -

This week the Angelfish and Rainbowfish have begun to learn about space. They have been looking at the solar system and spotting Earth. On Thursday we were lucky enough to have a visit from Martin a local student from Kenya. The children were able to explain all the things they have learnt about Kenya and Martin gave them lots more information too. They particularly liked his quiz at the end with chocolate prizes! We now know that there are no trains in Kenya, that there are 43 different languages and that the mud houses in small villages have no electricity. We also learnt some swahili, Simba means Lion and Rafiki means friend. In maths the reception children have been learning their number bonds to 5. They are getting really good at telling us 4 and 1 is 5, 2 and 3 is 5 and 5 and 0 is 5. I have been very impressed.

### Key Stage 1

**Year 1** - Year 1 have been learning about the Romans this week in History and have made honey cake from the Roman times. In Literacy we have been reading the story 'Where The Wild Things Are' which the children have enjoyed. Please can you read this with them at home or look on Youtube for a copy. In Science they've been labelling the organs in the human body. Could you challenge them at home this weekend by asking them to show you where they are. In maths we have been learning the names of 2D and 3D shapes, if you could have a look for these shapes all around you to help reinforce what they have learnt. In PHSE we have been discussing how we can show others kindness which the children have enjoyed and shown lots of. Please can you remember to bring in cardboard boxes for our castles which we will begin making next week.

**Year 2-** In our history lesson this week we have looked at the arrival of the Romans and how they lived. The children were then able to compare life as a Roman with life as one of the First Farmers. In Spanish we now know how to say hello, our name and to ask 'how are you?' In Science, the children continued to discuss healthy eating and completed a survey on year 2' favourite fruit. During DT, the children have been practising techniques attaching different shaped card together in preparation for the beginning of our castle building next week. In maths, we have started a new topic on multiplication. Please practice the children's times' tables at home. The times table they are working on can be found in their reading record. In literacy, the children completed writing up their story from last week. We then focused the rest of the week reading and answering questions from reading comprehension papers. I know many of you read with your children, please can you ask them questions about what they have read to develop their comprehension skills. Thank you.

### Key Stage 2

**Year 3/4** - This week, the children have completed their math unit on multiplication and division. They will be looking at money for their next unit. In Geography, we looked at how coastal erosion is managed and the 4 strategies used to prevent flooding. If you visit any beaches this half term and notice any strategies in place, feel free to share a photograph through Google Classroom so we can discuss it in class. Gangsta Granny is two weeks away and we have been informed that the Hall of Cornwall are provided an additional workshop that will be completed in school. This is an excellent opportunity for the children. We have a small selection of unnamed jumpers. If you are missing one, please contact Mrs. Figgins.

**Year 5/6** - In Year 5/6 this week, we have busy learning new skills. The year 5's are currently learning long multiplication to multiply a two digit number by two digit number (such as 23 x 47) and have worked really hard to achieve this – next week we will look at multiplying 3 digit numbers. In PSHE, we have been looking at the British Values of Democracy and mutual respect for each other. In science, we discussed reversible and irreversible changes in our materials unit and how when some products when they are heated or mixed they can be changed back but others change permanently. The children are really enjoying the skipping workshop we have in school today.



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**COVID Guidelines - If your child has any COVID symptoms or a positive lateral flow/PCR test then please ensure that they begin isolation immediately and let the school office know. If your child tests positive over a weekend please email the school office with date of symptoms and test results.**

**Isolation Rules**

Negative tests can start from day **five** and isolation can end on day **six** if two consecutive negative LFD tests are returned, children can return to school on day 6 following the negative LFD test results.

**Reporting Absence** - It is extremely important that the school office is informed of any child absences and medical appointments. An absence text is sent if your child is not present at school and if no reason is given then it will be marked as an unauthorised absence. You can inform us by calling 01326 562249 and leaving an answerphone message or emailing secretary@porthleven.cornwall.sch.uk

**School Dinner Menu - We will be on WEEK 2 of the menu next week.**

**Skipping Workshop - Friday 28th January 2022** - The children are thoroughly enjoying the skipping workshop today. Skipping ropes will be available to buy at the end of the day, look for Mary outside of the school gates from 3:15pm.

**Bikeability - Year 6 - Friday 4th February 2022** - Martin from Bikeability will be coming in on this day to complete the course with children in Group 4. Please ensure children bring their bike and a suitable helmet in to school.

**Mental Health week: Mon 7<sup>th</sup> – Fri 11<sup>th</sup> February - Wednesday 9th February - 'This is Me' Day**



Our school's theme this year is **'This is Me'**. Throughout the week your child will be taught important lessons to support their mental health. The focus areas will be gratitude, kindness and resilience. Classes will have brain breaks each day to learn a motivating dance and to discuss a positive quote for the day.

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February is 'Mental health and Well Being Festival for Educational Settings' so we would like all the staff and children to dress in the theme, 'This is me'.



**'Wear Red Day' for Heart Week - Friday 11th February 2022 - £1 donation** - Children can wear a little or a lot of red clothing on this day to raise awareness of babies and young children born with serious heart defects. We are working closely with the PTA to organise a tombola after school also - watch this space!

**Narwhals and Swordfish Class - Hall for Cornwall Gangsta Granny Trip - Friday 18th February 2022 -**

Payments can be made via ParentPay and you can also chose your child's lunch option if you would like them to have a school lunch.

**Lost Property** - We have had an F&F green and black padded coat (age 11-12 years) handed in - if this belongs to your child please collect it from the school office.

**Parent & Toddler Group - Limited spaces - Every Tuesday - 9am to 11am - £1 per family - 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.

**Dogs on School Grounds** - dogs are not allowed on school grounds at any time. They must be kept outside of the blue gates please. It has come to our attention that dogs continue to be inside the school grounds at drop off and pick up times - this includes carrying dogs in arms please.

**Smoking on School Grounds** - A reminder that smoking (including e-cigarettes/vapes) is strictly prohibited on school grounds including the car park area.

**Cross Country Dates -**

- Tuesday 1st February Cross Country Race 4 KS2 Mullion 4pm
- Tuesday 15th February Cross Country – Race 5 Reception/KS1 and KS2 Mullion 4pm
- Tuesday 1st March Cross Country – Race 6 KS2 HCC 4pm
- Tuesday 14th June Fun Run KS2 Mullion 4pm



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Book Of The Week - Our books of the week this week was requested by a Narwhal. We now have the series of 6 books within school.

## Book of the Week

This week  
5+ readers



Look inside...

Book Information

ISBN: 9781783125333

Publication date: 9th January 2020

Author: Simon Mugford

Illustrator: Dan Green

Publisher: Welbeck Children's Books an imprint of Welbeck Publishing Group

Format: Paperback

Pagination: 128 pages

Suitable for: 5+ readers, 7+ readers

**Tell me more...**

Filled with quizzes, stats and little-known facts, plus illustrated and told with all the fun of a Tom Gates novel, the Football Superstars series is perfect for young readers five and up.

Also in school: Messi Rules, Kane Rules, Mbappe Rules, Hazard Rules, Sterling Rules



**Could you spare a small amount of time each week to become a regular reading volunteer in school and help us with one of our most important activities?**

Helping children to become confident, independent readers is one of the most important things that we can do - and it is an area of our work where parents, carers and other members of the community can make a big difference. We are always keen to hear from people who would be interested to help us and supporting reading by joining our volunteers. Could you help the children with their reading by listening to them read, and talking to them about their books and reading choices? Your support is so important to us. If you think you could help, feel free to talk about a suitable time then please contact Mrs Louise Figgins.

*The school policy is committed to safeguarding all of our pupils: we require enhanced criminal record checks (through the Disclosure and Barring Service) and background checks for all **regular** volunteers.*

**School Vacancies** - If the position below is of interest to you please contact the school office on 01326 562249 or email [secretary@porthleven.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@porthleven.cornwall.sch.uk) for an application form:

**Lunchtime Supervisors (two positions) - 5 hours per week**

**EYFS Teaching Assistant - 27.5 hours per week**

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:**

**Friday 28th January 2022 - Skipping Workshop**

**Tuesday 1st February 2022 - Cross Country Race 4 - KS2**

**Friday 4th February - Bikeability**

**Wednesday 9th February 2022 - 'This is Me' Day - Mental Health Week**

**Friday 11th February 2022 - 'Wear Red Day' for Heart Week & PTA Tombola**

**Tuesday 15th February Cross Country – Race 5 Reception/KS1 and KS2 Mullion 4pm**

**Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February 2022 - February Half Term**

**Monday 11th April to Friday 22nd April 2022 - Easter Holidays**

**Monday 2nd May 2022 - Bank Holiday - School closed to all children**

**Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022 - May Half Term**

**Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th July 2022 - INSET days - School closed to all children**

**Wednesday 27th July to Friday 2nd September 2022 - Summer Holidays**