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"Reading is the one ability, that once set in motion, has the ability to feed itself, grow exponentially and provide a basis from which possibilities are limitless"

Dear Families,

Thank you for the 'extreme reading' photos that are coming in. We should have put a 'Health and Safety' warning out! There is still time to get your photo in by Friday!

Please enjoy some of our learning below from the first half of term. We are looking forward to seeing you all for **Parents' Evening on November 6**th **and 7**th. Please book your appointment!

LOOK OUT YEAR 2 JADE CLASS!



Amber class produced amazing writing and carried out a rocket launch experiment all in response to a letter and video footage we received from the Martian in our story 'The Way back Home'.



YEAR 3 TOPAZ - EDEN ADVENTURES



At the end of half term, Team Topaz class enjoyed a wonderful trip to The Eden Project to participate in the 'Puzzling Plants' workshop. Along with Nick, our expert guide, we explored the rainforest biome to find out how plants can be so different and why that might be. This links to our learning on plants and their growth. We were also intrigued to learn about how we use and eat so many different parts of a plant - did you know that celery is actually the stem of the plant or that rice is the seed of a plant?

Upon our return to school, we have written letters to Nick to thank him for his time with us and we've walked to the Post Office to get

them sent off; we all really tried to make sure our handwriting was the best it's ever been. Alfie summed it up for the class when he said, 'This has been the best day ever.'

Team Topaz, you did us proud!

YEAR 5 SAPPHIRE IN SPACE



Year 5 have enjoyed learning about space this half term, they particularly enjoyed their trip to Redruth High School to see the Pop up planetarium by Space Odyssey.

We have also been focusing on developing our art skills – come in and see our space inspired artwork on Parents' Evening – we are very proud of our new skills and outcomes.

YEAR 1 'GOING ON A TEHIDY WOODS HUNT'

Year one have had a superb start to the new academic year. The children and year one team have immersed themselves in 'The Spirit of Adventure' using the story of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' to guide their learning. Children have used the illustrations in the book to support their art and design learning as well as a visit to Tehidy Woods to recreate the adventure and experience the oozing mud and swishy swashy grass. The children are looking forward to diving into the next chapter of their adventure topic and learning 'Where the Wild Things Are' which is being



launched on Wednesday with a trip to Newquay Zoo. As well as their cross-curricular learning year one are also showing great enthusiasm for their reading and phonics.



YEAR 6 TURQUOISE - ELECTRICIAN EXPERTS

Year 6 have been curious about all things electrical and have been asking and answering their own scientific enquiry questions! They even tried to make the biggest working circuit possible. This required all of our St Day and Carharrack values - self belief, courage and determination – as well as a plethora of batteries! The children have also enjoyed inventing and describing 'Time Machines', creating posters and amazing artwork to bring their inventions to life - a display of their artwork will be in the school corridor - pop in and have a look on Parents' Evening!

CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING IN THE COMMUNITY

We hope you had chance to see a 'showcase' of your children's work at the Horticultural Show this year. Thank you to our members of staff for giving freely of their time to mount work and attend the event.



ROAD SAFETY ASSEMBLY WITH RECEPTION, Yr 1 and Yr2

Our children listened carefully to PC John Thorn talk about road safety. They listened attentively while he discussed and demonstrated how to be safe when crossing roads. We talked about stranger awareness, the importance of walking safely on footpaths and holding adults hands. He demonstrated where to cross the road safely - on a zebra crossings and using traffic lights to keep us safe. We learned the importance of stopping, looking, listening and knowing when to cross safely. Thank you to PC John Thorn.

YEAR 4 EMERALD - MUDDY MATHS AND WILD WRITING

We have had an exciting first half term in Emerald. The launch of Muddy Maths has been a great

success with the children learning all about how to measure in centimetres and convert into metres. Even the challenge was no match for Emerald who worked out the length of the tree branch at 3 metres was the same height as one of the trees.

Wild Writing also brings our English learning to life on a Monday morning with parents expressing the excitement their children now have about returning to school after the weekend. The woods have been a perfect place to get our imaginations fired up with our descriptive writing about nature as well as brewing our 'Witches Brew' that is going to cast a whole host of mischievous spells...

OUTDOOR LEARNING CELEBRATIONS

We are looking forward to lots more forest fun this half term! With this in mind, it is getting colder so can we please ask that you send in a warm hat and gloves, as well as waterproof clothing and wellies, so the children can be dry and warm whilst enjoying their outdoor learning. Mrs Bolt has got some fabulous festive learning planned which will be making an appearance at our **Christmas Fayre on December 13th**

CASCADE THEATRE PRODUCTIONS – We are looking forward to being able to involve our whole school community in this great project from January 2020. Unfortunately, our funding bid has been declined. If you are able to help us in anyway – if you are aware of funding opportunities or have experience writing funding bids - then please get in touch.

DATES, INFORMATION AND REMINDERS:

- **REMEMBRANCE DAY** We are selling poppy products in school to raise money for the British Legion available at the beginning and end of each day. Children can bring in money to purchase items. Many thanks.
- **RWI** book bags need to be in school every day! We hope you are enjoying the new investment of books.
- **PARENT CHRISTMAS HELPERS URGENTLY NEEDED!** We had an amazing Christmas Fayre and raffle last year due to the commitment and hard work of a group of parents and staff please let Michelle Salter know if you can help in any way (She is on the 'red door' every morning). Thank you!
- School Calendar has been sent out- with dates for the year
- **REMEMBER, REMEMBER the 5th of NOVEMBER** We will be talking to the children about the safety of fireworks, sparklers and bonfires. Enjoy a safe evening.
- Please note Parents' Evening is on November 6th and 7th (there will be no clubs running on these days)
- Open Afternoon for children starting school in September 2020 Thursday 7th November 4-5pm
- **ODD SOCKS DAY** Tuesday 12th November



We're celebrating what makes us All Different All Equal this Anti-Bullying Week. Pupils are invited to wear Odd Socks to support Anti-Bullying Week. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity for children to express themselves and appreciate individuality. 'CHANGE STARTS WITH US.'

 CHILDREN IN NEED DAY – Friday 15th November – Come dressed in Pudsey Bear colours. Suggested donation of £1.00 for Children in Need.



ONLINE SAFETY – games to play

Our children are loving this app – it is free to download onto tablets/phones/laptops:

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