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The second half of the Spring Term is upon us and it is just beginning to feel a little spring like.

A big thank you to everyone at the school, parents, children, and staff for all the hard work and ongoing support, as we dealt with disruption caused both by the weather and the pandemic.

Last half term, Year 5 and 6, had an internet safety workshop, entitled 'virtually reality' which I know they found enjoyable and helpful.

Year 4 had their swimming sessions and again really enjoyed these, we have had some fantastic feedback from Newton Abbot Leisure Centre, about the behaviour and attitude of all the pupils, not just Year 4, but the other year groups who have been swimming this term, which is fantastic.

We celebrated World Book Day, shared lots of stories and read a very wide range of books. I think the children really enjoyed it.

It was a very positive half term with lots happening and as the weather improves, we hope that this half term will bring with it lots more opportunities for the children to enjoy and learn from.

Don't forget to look at our website, the class blog pages and our Facebook page to find out more information.

Kind regards

Marcus West
Head of School

Upcoming School Events

March 2022	
7 th March	Year 3 Swimming
8 th March	Tempest Class Photos
14 th March	Year 3 Swimming
21 st March	Year 3 Swimming
28 th March	Year 3 Swimming
April 2022	
4 th April	Year 3 Swimming
8 th April	Last day of term
25 th April	First day back

Uniform and coats

All the children look so smart in their school uniform, thank you for all the effort that you make to help ensure this high standard.

Just a gentle reminder, to ensure all children are coming to school with appropriate clothing for the weather please. Jumpers and coats are a must during this term, with cold and wet days to be expected. Please also ensure that uniform and coats are clearly named, thank you.

Attendance

Our attendance levels remain very positive at 95.1% across the school and rising. Thank you for all your support with this and for keeping the office informed when your child is not able to attend.



Right Respecting

Each week the children look at one of the Unicef Rights for Children. Examples of where this has been championed in school are then celebrated in our celebration assembly on a Friday and on our Rights Respecting board in school.

Currently the children are looking at articles

2: No discrimination.

12: Respect for children's views

13: Sharing thoughts freely

These will be linked to International Women's Day on 8th March

Friday Mile & Outdoor Clubs

As the weather improves, (we hope), we will also reintroduce our 'Friday Mile' which is also a good activity to promote the idea of 'Healthy Me' linked to our 'Jigsaw' work.

Currently children in Key Stage 2 have been having the opportunity to climbing at Quay Climbing in Exeter on some Friday Afternoons. We are now starting to offer archery and Create Stacking activities as well. Information about this will be sent out when it is your child's class's turn.

As the weather improves, we hope to get more outdoor clubs running for children across all age groups.

Out of School Achievements

A huge thank you to those parents who have contacted us about achievements that children have been involved in from activities out of school, it has been so lovely to share these. Do please keep sending them in to us. It could be a sporting achievement, a personal challenge that has been completed, a musical success, an award they have been given, etc...

What sometimes makes it even better, is to see a photograph too. I'd like to build up a display of these out of school achievements, so please can I ask for these to be sent into school. If you don't have any way of printing a photo, please email it into the school admin email with the subject 'FAO Mr. West'. Can you also include some basic information about what has been achieved, with anything sent in so that I can add the information to the display? The display will build up over the coming year. Thank you.