



Dear Parents/Carers,

What beautiful spring weather we have enjoyed this week. It's been a busy last few days of term. Year R enjoyed making Easter bonnets and participating in a parade. We have all been learning more about the meaning of Easter and the Hindu festival of colour: Holi.

Thank you for completing our Primary survey, we value working in partnership with you. Thank you for your support.

### Learner of the Week

Rowan ~ Charlie R

Beech ~ Imogen

Willow ~ Aoife and Sylvie

Birch ~ Evie H

Elm ~ Polly R

Pine ~ Keira B

Chestnut ~ Lujain

Larch ~ Simón

Lime ~ Ava Mae

Hazel ~ Eleanor

Maple ~ Jacob

Sycamore ~ Molly

### Citizen of the Week

Sebastian S for engaging in aspects of classroom life

Tilo for setting good examples for the rest of Beech Class

Adam for fantastic focus and enthusiasm for learning

Aidan Ma for sharing his ideas about our eco-friendly world

Isabella B for supporting others during sewing in a very kind manner

Leila CB for understanding the appropriate times to give support

Jude for setting an excellent example in all of our school values

Eilish for always being kind and thoughtful to both her peers and adults

Jacob for developing his confidence and showing responsibility

Alastair for trying his best

Thomas M for being a cheerful and friendly member of the class and getting involved so well at playtimes and in group activities

Theo S for always joining in class discussions and putting forward thoughtful and considered ideas.

We wish you all a happy and peaceful Easter and look forward to seeing you in the summer term

## Year Group News

### Year R



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OAK



Talk to your child about Easter celebrations. Do you have traditions that are special to your family? How did you celebrate when you were a child?

### Year 1



ROWAN

BEECH

Please talk to your child about:

The Easter Story and traditions you may have at home



This week we have been focussing on our RE concept of New Life and the significance of eggs as an Easter symbol. The children have enjoyed exploring the Easter story and learning about different ways to celebrate Easter such as the giving of cards, eating special food and giving and receiving Easter eggs.

It was so exciting to take part in an Easter bonnet parade. The children created their bonnets in the morning so that they could be worn for a special Easter lunch. We then paraded around the school before sharing Easter songs together.

This week we have enjoyed learning about capacity and volume outside in the sunshine. Your child might like to continue playing and investigating this strand of Maths with you at home. We hope that you all have a lovely break over the Easter Holidays. We would be really grateful if you would continue reading with your child during the time off so that they can continue to practise their decoding and comprehension skills, alongside their recognition of common exception words.

We have been busy creating an extended Exploring and Learning space on the KS1 playground to enable the children to access the continuous provision at more times of the day. The children in their classes have come up with some ideas of things that would make

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the outdoor environment even better! All of the children would really appreciate some donations of:

Play sand for the sandpit

Sand toys/spades/buckets/diggers etc.

Natural construction materials eg. planks, palettes, wooden sleepers, tyres, log stumps, small logs, milk crates, drainpipes

Kitchen utensils eg. spoons, spatulas etc for the mud kitchen (not pots or pans as we have plenty!)

Under the Sea plastic toy creatures

Plastic small world characters eg.

superheroes/dinosaurs/ people etc.

Soil for planting and the mud kitchen

Gravel/stones for the dinosaur small world

Picnic rugs

tarpaulins

Plastic/wooden construction eg.

megablocks/lego/wooden building blocks

Large outdoor games eg. Jenga

Thank you so much if you are able to donate any of the above resources to improve our outside area.

The Year 1 Team

## Year 2



WILLOW



BIRCH

Please talk to your child about:  
What they are looking forward  
to with their friends and  
family.

What a beautifully sunny way to end this term! The children have spent lots of time outside in the sunshine this week and enjoyed experimenting with capacity and

measuring mass in Maths. We have also been enjoying outdoor art and learning about the Christian ceremony of baptism. The children have worked really hard this half term and we are so proud of their transition back to school. Please continue reading with them as much as possible as well as reading to them as this is just as important! They deserve a rest from learning over the holidays so we hope you enjoy some family time. We would love to hear about what they have been up to when they get back.

\*After Easter we will be looking at 'Jack and the Jelly Beanstalk' as our English text. This is an alternative version of the traditional tale. If you have any different versions of Jack and the Beanstalk, please can you bring them into school so we can share as many versions as possible! It would be great to share many different versions to expand the children's ideas and enjoyment of the story - there are some really funny ones out there!

\*We are hoping to do some planting next term as part of our Science learning. If you have any plant pots, soil or anything we could use to support this learning, we would gratefully receive donations before or after the Easter holidays. Thank you in advance!

As always, thank you so much for your support over this term - we really do appreciate it!

Have a great break!

Year 2 Team

## Year 3

Please talk to your child about 3d shapes.

The children have been working hard finishing making their purses and evaluating the designing and making process. It has been wonderful to see the resilience they have all shown, well done Year 3! This week, we have also finished our RE unit about the story of Peter's denial of Jesus, focusing on the concept of 'second chances'. The children have been able to apply their understanding of forgiveness to their own lives and have been able to reflect on the times they have been given second chances and when they have given second chances to others. In maths, the children have been describing the properties of 3D shapes and have had a go at drawing and making them.

After the Easter holidays, our topic will be Ancient Egypt. In English, we will be starting our new text 'Cloud Tea Monkeys' by Mal Peet and Elspeth Graham. We will be tasting different teas and describing their flavours. In maths, we will be using number lines to support calculating addition and subtraction problems.

Please enjoy some quality time with your child, enjoying the times of laughter that holidays can bring. Have fun!

We hope you have a lovely Easter break and we look forward to seeing you back after the holidays.

The Year 3 Team

## Year 4

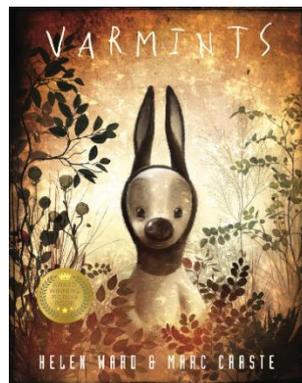


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CHESTNUT

Please talk to your child about their home learning puzzle.



Well done for another great week of learning Year 4!

We are so proud of how well the children have settled back into the routine of school and have really displayed our school values. This week, we have been focusing on working effectively together, in a team, in order to solve maths investigation problems and we managed to identify who stole the Easter bunny outfit!

Looking forward to next term, we will be starting off our reading and writing journey with the text: 'Varmints (Part one) by Helen Ward and Marc Craste.' It will be helpful, as we have very limited copies, if you could please get hold of a copy during the Easter break.

On Wednesday afternoon, we sent home a 'Home Learning Jigsaw' for the Summer term. Please could you encourage your child to have a go at some of the activities over the coming weeks.

Thank you very much for all of your support this term and we look forward to welcoming you all back in the Summer term.

## Year 5



Please talk to your child about spellings for after Easter: pronunciation, queue, recognise

We have packed lots into the last three days of term with the Eden Project talk and activities based on Fairtrade products; it was so lovely to have Cornwall come to us on what was the hottest day in March for a number of years!

In RE we learnt about The Eucharist and its significance in Christianity. In English we have thoroughly enjoyed writing character descriptions and comparing these characters to other characters from books we have read. After Easter we have one more week of The Explorer text learning (writing a guide to be an Explorer) and then we start our new text Beowulf!

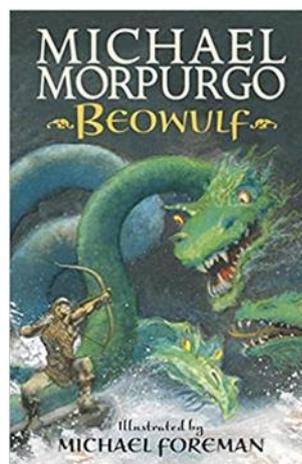
In Maths we have learnt about volume, squaring numbers and cubing numbers. After

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the holiday, we will continue to look at volume and capacity and then multiplying fractions. We will be continuing with our History of Space learning and then move onto Vikings and Anglo Saxons! We are looking forward to more Forces learning in Science. In Design and Technology we will be cooking scones after Easter and will send out details nearer the time. We will provide all the ingredients and be mindful of allergies. We will also be designing packaging to go with the freshly baked goods!

We wish Edward and his family all the best as they start their new adventure.

Thank you for your continued support, have a great holiday, The Year 5 team.



## Year 6



Sycamore



Maple

Please talk to your child about their 'Affirmation Posters' they have designed in CPSHE. We have sent the children home with a miniature laminated version to keep.

## Childcare places for Inset Days

Do book your place as soon as possible for 9<sup>th</sup> July

Wishing you and your families a very happy, safe and joyful Easter break.



Child care for Primary Phase children for Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021 (Inset Days)

8.30 am – 5.30 pm

£45 single day or £90 for both days.



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Kind regards,

Mrs Woodall

Head of Primary Phase



## Safeguarding Slot

We are aware of the popularity of TikTok at the moment. "This is an app that gives users the opportunity to create and share short-form videos with friends, family, and the entire world. The app is especially popular with young people, who enjoy using its tools to combine video, music, and graphics into funny sketches and creative shorts. TikTok is available in over 150 countries and in 75 languages. TikTok runs on both Apple and Android phones and tablets and has selected a 12+ rating on the Apple App Store and Google Play so that parents can use the device-level parental controls provided by Apple and Android." **Please note to keep our children as safe as possible on-line the age recommendation for tiktok is 12+ years.**

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