

Welcome from Mr Lewis-Cole

How is it possibly the end of week 4 already? Where has that time gone? That said, it has been an incredibly busy start back to this academic year and I have loved seeing the launch of our exciting new curriculum across the school. Progress on the 'bus' has been amazing and we will soon be able to share with you the finished product. Thank you to all of the local businesses who have offered their time and resources free of charge. I will, of course, share exactly who has contributed soon. Very exciting indeed!

Mrs Bromhead

Some of you may already be aware that we will very shortly be saying goodbye to Mrs Bromhead as she retires from working with us. On a practical note, we have begun the recruitment process for a new Parent Support Advisor to join our team and I will update you on this as soon as I can. On a personal note, I know that Mrs Bromhead will be missed terribly. She has been such a vital part of school life for a great many years and embodies our vision of 'inspiring a community with a bright future'. The PSA role is an essential one and a role that Mrs Bromhead has undertaken with passion, compassion and dedication. We all wish Mrs Bromhead the very best in her retirement and thank her for always going above and beyond for our pupils and their families.

Social media

We love social media here at Lipson Vale and love celebrating school life with our community through it. However, over the last few weeks there has been an increase in negative posts being made about aspects of school life which school staff have not been made aware of. We can only resolve any issues that your child is experiencing if they are brought to our attention. Can I ask that families follow the correct processes to express concerns and refrain from posting on social media? The school do not see posts on closed sites (such as Lipson Vale Primary Mums and Dads) unless they are passed to us and we cannot, therefore, resolve situations until we are made aware. Please use these closed sites for support and guidance but raise any difficulties directly with us.

Relationships Policy

I mentioned on the last NFTV about our new policy, which replaces the previous behaviour policy. This is an exciting new policy for us and follows significant training for all staff throughout the last academic year. The training focused on being 'Trauma Informed', which is a Plymouth aspiration for all schools, and focuses on the importance of developing secure relationships and sustaining a positive learning environment through compassion and curiosity. The policy is available on our website [here](#). Your child may have come home talking about our READY behaviours and/or the Window of Tolerance - all will make sense by having a read through. I hope to share more information with you in the coming weeks, as we develop school practice and systems in line with this policy.

Harvest

Just a reminder that we will be celebrating Harvest in school on the 13th of October. We sent a letter out to families earlier this week about this, including information about donations. Thank you to the families that have already sent food items in.

I wish you all a peaceful and relaxing weekend whatever you find yourself doing. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday bright eyed and ready for the week ahead.

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Congratulations



Harris Cup
Eva Smith



McIver Cup
Leon Commons



'H' Cup
Benjamin Pearce

Each of you are excellent role models for your peers and have shown significant determination and effort to your learning.

to our weekly cup winners.
Attendance

We know that we are all having to be a little more cautious at the moment; however, for those pupils well enough, we still have high expectations for daily attendance.

Foundation & Key Stage 1

Puffins	n/a
Coral	n/a
Seahorses	89.3
Oysters	90.8
Mussels	85.0
Starfish	92.1

Key Stage 2

Turtles	94.0
Sunfish	96.0
Otters	90.7
Dolphins	97.9
Anglerfish	95.3
Orca	94.0
Angel Sharks	94.0
Rays	96.7



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

The **highest class**
attendance last week

Starfish in FS/KS1

Dolphins in KS2

**GREAT
ATTENDANCE**



celebrate

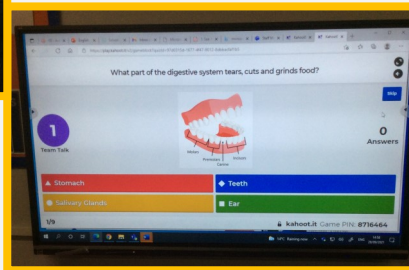
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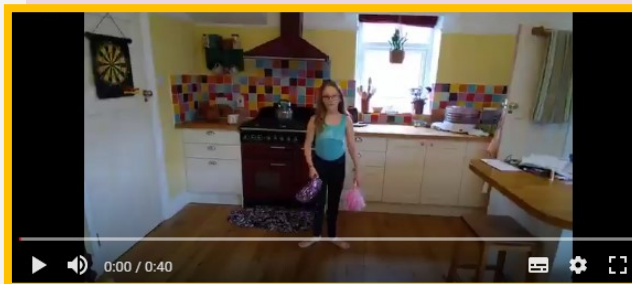
In Year 6's second lesson of RE, focusing on Hinduism, they selected an image of one of the Hindu Gods and developed their own pastel drawing from this, looking closely at imagery and colour.



This week, Year 4 learned about the human digestive system by enjoying a fun (and messy!) experiment in which Mr Petty recreated the digestion process in the classroom using household items such as paper cups, baked beans, bread, orange juice and a pair of tights. The demonstration helped children to visualise the process of digestion in a practical way. Their learning was then tested with a Kahoot quiz undertaken on chrome books. I think the children would agree that it was a memorable science lesson!



Year 5 have been lucky enough this week to learn and participate in an 'Olympic Show Dance' courtesy of Hermione and her extremely creative homework.



Olympic Show Dance

Do you want to learn how to perform an amazing Olympic Show Dance?

If so, read on to find out how an Olympic performance is choreographed.

By Hermione White

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Mrs Gill is delighted with her ocarina group who play with both enthusiasm and musical awareness. A beautiful rendition of Brahms lullaby was this lunchtime's treat.

Year 6 are really enjoying their Indian dance focus and have sequenced different steps and balances to connect with the music. They are working towards a dance performance which they will be sharing in a few weeks.



Foundation pupils had their first full week of school and got to enjoy school lunches. How grown up they look!



We are very much looking forward to our Harvest Festival which will be held on Wednesday 13th October. The children have enjoyed practicing a

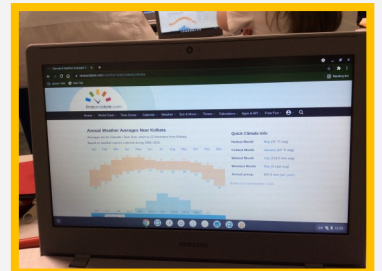
range of songs which will be shared at the services. This year we are delighted to be supporting the community work of St. Paul's Church in Efford.

We will be very grateful to receive any food donations, packages or tins. These can be brought in at any time and will be set aside ready for the 13th.

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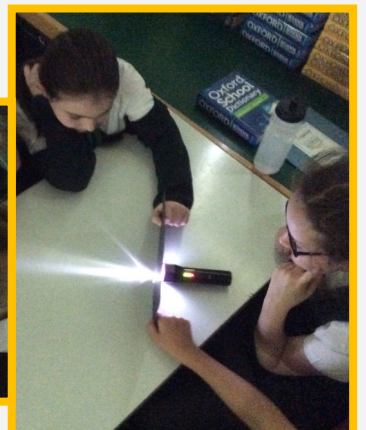
Earlier this week, Year 3 continued their research into the Stone Age by exploring photographs of Stone Age cave paintings. We discussed the different materials used, what we could see in the paintings and what we like/disliked about them. We then created our own cave paintings using pastel colours and crayons, taking inspiration from the images we looked at. After admiring our work we thought about how we make them look authentic so, after some time outside drawing on paper and leaning on rough ground, we decided to make them look more 'cave-like' by scrunching them up!



Year Six have been learning about negative numbers and using them in context by comparing temperatures from countries all around the world.



Year 6 have been exploring light during their science learning this week.



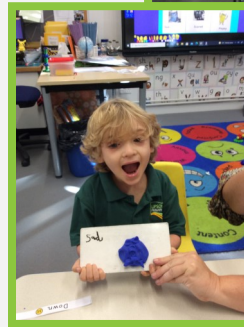
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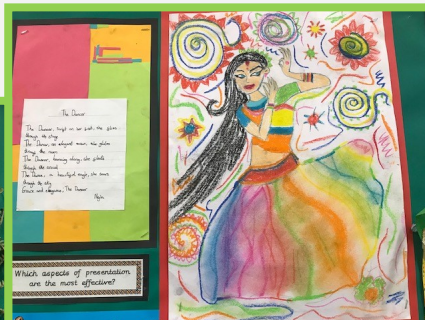
Wow! We can't believe it's the end of week 4 already! We are always busy in Year 1. In English this week we have been making our writing more exciting. We learned that there are different words that mean the same thing (synonyms), so we learned some new words that mean sad and happy to use in our writing. We made play dough faces to show these faces!

In RE we learned how Christians welcome babies into the world and held our very own Baptism in the classroom.

It was a wet and muddy Forest School today but the rain didn't stop us! Oyster class made their own mud faces, and Seahorse class practiced their running ready for the school's virtual London marathon which they will be completing over the next few weeks!



Check out this wonderfully creative home learning from our Year 6 pupils. Just wonderful!



News & Events

Need to talk?

**urgent mental health support
for adults living in Plymouth**

First Response 01752 434922

Livewell
Southwest



We hope you are enjoying taking part in Planet Super League and scoring goals for Plymouth Argyle. Remember, all you have to do is take part in planet saving activities. If you haven't already signed up, all you need to do is log on to the website - [Planet Super League](#)

Then, do some planet saving activities, such as having a veggie meal, doing the washing at less than 40 degrees, reminding people to switch off the lights. Next, take a picture of yourself doing this activity and upload it to Planet Super League to score a goal.

Come on Plymouth. Let's see if we can win the next match!

On **Tuesday 5th October**, we will be taking part in the Planet Super League Day of Action, to raise awareness about ways to help the planet. Please encourage your child to complete these 3 activities, if they can & score **DOUBLE** goals for Plymouth.

How it works:

- Wear Plymouth Argyle colours to school or something green.
- Try to walk, cycle or scooter to school.
- Eat a meat-free meal at home and at school
- Design a poster, video or speech to present to world leaders about what they should do to save the planet!



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Starting school in September 2022?

**Come and see what Lipson Vale
Primary has to offer...**

We will be hosting tours for prospective parents for the September 2022 intake throughout November 2021. Please call the school office on **01752 224801** to book yourself onto a tour.

Numbers are capped so booking is essential.

Wednesday 3rd November @ 11am
Thursday 4th November @ 4pm
Tuesday 9th November @ 9:30am
Monday 15th November @ 4pm
Saturday 20th November @ 11am

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Picture News

at Home

20th September 2021

What's going on this week?



Things to talk about at home...

- How do you think the people affected by Hurricane Ida may be feeling?
- When you go through difficult times, are you able to think of the positives?
- Do you think more money should be provided to help tackle climate change?

EASY
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Some of our pupils have been busy getting involved with Planet Super League scoring goals for Plymouth by making energy saving changes at home. Mrs Wilkinson has been getting involved too.

Check out these simple ways to be a Planet Super League hero!



Collective Worship

To start of the new term we introduced our new READY behaviours and the 'Window of tolerance'. This is an exciting new school strategy to support all our pupils in understanding their behaviour and the importance of strong and stable relationships with others. We will be continuing to focus on 'tolerance' as a theme in the coming weeks.

What does 'tolerance' mean to you?

Dates for your diaries:

22.10.21	Last day before half term break.
23.10-21-31.10.21	Half term holiday.
01.11.21	First day back to school.
02.11.21	Tempest Photography: individual and family groups.
17.12.21	Last day before Christmas break.
04.01.22	Non pupil day.
05.01.22	First day back.



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