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The children have been excited to start their new topics this term. Please remember to visit our Facebook page to see the wonderful learning taking place. Some of the children in Year 5 led our whole school assembly on Tuesday to share their views on climate change, based on their previous topic of 'Our Changing World'. The children shared ways in which we can look after our environment, including in school.

It has been lovely to welcome parents back into school recently. Thank you to the parents of the children in Kahlo class who were able to attend the class library session on Tuesday. The children really enjoyed sharing their books with you. Also, congratulations to Monet class who shared their learning during their class assembly to parents today. Well done Monet class, we are really proud of you.

We will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee during the last week of Term 5. This will involve inviting parents into classes on Thursday 26th May and a picnic lunch for children on Friday 27th May. More details for this will be on next week's newsletter.

As the warmer weather approaches, please can you remember to send your child to school with a water bottle. Also, ensure that your child's PE kit is in school every day as sometimes planned PE days may change unexpectedly.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

The foundation stage children have been learning about different woodland animal habitats. They used their knowledge to create their own animal habitats in the forest area, the children worked collaboratively and were able to use lots of new vocabulary to describe their habitats and talk about which animals lived there and why.



Matisse class have been exploring programmable robots during computing. The children used their collaboration skills to work together to experiment with how a bee-bot works. They learnt that they needed to use the buttons on top of the small robot to tell it how to move. This also encouraged them to use their flexibility skill as sometimes the instructions weren't quite right, so the robot didn't do what the children wanted it to! They also used their problem solving skills to play a game online which required them to use directional buttons to move the bee-bot to a specific location on the map. Fantastic learning Matisse!



In Kiely we have been collaborating with our learning partner to further develop our inquiry skills. In English we wrote questions we wanted to find the answers to about our new topic : British Bridges. We asked questions such as: What is the longest bridge in the world? Who was I.K Brunel? Then in computing we used a search engine to research the answers to our questions.



This week in Year 5 we have delved into the depths of the Ancient Maya and how the lost cities of Central America were rediscovered by two travelers back in 1839. We have also learnt how religion was an integral part of the lives of the Maya and we enjoyed meeting the various Gods and their powers. We also attempted to get to grips with the Ancient Maya number system (which proved slightly difficult!) but we managed to collaborate with our partners and created some of the numbers using chalk on the playground.



Well Done Mondrian's Spelling Stars!



This week in Mondrian class, in Maths we have been learning about place value of numbers up to 100. In one of our lessons, we used our collaboration and creativity skills to partition 2-digit numbers into Tens and Ones



Year 6 have been exploring 'author intent' in reading lessons last week. They created their own pies out of paper plates to represent the three main purposes of author's writing - to PERSUADE, to INFORM and to ENTERTAIN. Some of the children took their creativity STEM skills to the next level by creating hidden messages inside their pies giving more information about why writers write.



"I loved demonstrating P.I.E in such a creative way. Using paper plates made it fun and memorable - now I'll never forget what P.I.E stands for."

"I used bright colours and bold writing to make sure my plate was eye-catching so that everyone will remember author's purpose."



This week Kahlo class were really excited to welcome parents and guests to the library on Tuesday afternoon. We spent time sharing stories and celebrating the joy of reading. A massive thank you to all of those visitors who were able to spare the time to visit us. Hopefully, for those who were not able this time, there will be another occasion in the future

when we can offer another session.



This Term DaVinci class are learning about Ancient Greeks. Here they are practicing how to draw some of the popular borders of that era, working towards their final monoprint project.



WEEK 01		WEEK BEGINNING: 25 TH APRIL • 16 TH MAY • 13 TH JUNE 4 TH JULY • 25 TH JULY • 19 TH SEPTEMBER • 10 TH OCTOBER	
CHOICE 1		CHOICE 2	
MONDAY	Jumbo sausage with sauté potatoes 	Vegan balls with mixed vegetable rice VE 	
PUDDING	Fruit salad VE , yoghurt and fresh fruit		
TUESDAY	Chicken pie with mash & gravy H 	Breaded vegan nuggets with herby wedges VE 	
PUDDING	Jelly & ice cream V , yoghurt and fresh fruit		
WEDNESDAY	Pasta bolognese and garlic bread H/W 	Vegetable pasty with sauté potatoes H/VE 	
PUDDING	Victoria sponge H , yoghurt and fresh fruit		
THURSDAY	Roast gammon with roast potatoes and gravy H 	Courgette sausage with roast potatoes and gravy H/V 	
PUDDING	Fresh fruit platter VE , yoghurt and fresh fruit		
FRIDAY	Coated fish fillet with chips H 	Cheese & tomato pizza H/W/V 	
PUDDING	Gingerbread H/V , yoghurt and fresh fruit		

WEEK 02		WEEK BEGINNING: 2 ND MAY • 23 RD MAY • 20 TH JUNE • 11 TH JULY 25 TH JULY • 5 TH SEPTEMBER • 26 TH SEPTEMBER • 17 TH OCTOBER	
CHOICE 1		CHOICE 2	
MONDAY	Beef burger in a bun with sauté potatoes W 	Vegan chilli with rice H/W/VE 	
PUDDING	Fruit lolly VE , yoghurt and fresh fruit		
TUESDAY	Bbq chicken with vegetable rice & Pitta H/W 	Macaroni cheese H/V 	
PUDDING	Krispie crunch H/VE , yoghurt and fresh fruit		
WEDNESDAY	Meatballs with herby wedges H 	Mediterranean vegetable tart with sauté potatoes H/VE 	
PUDDING	Fruit and jelly VE , yoghurt and fresh fruit		
THURSDAY	Roast turkey with roast potatoes and gravy H 	Cauliflower & broccoli cheese with roast potatoes and gravy H/V 	
PUDDING	Custard biscuit & fruit H , yoghurt and fresh fruit		
FRIDAY	 Fish fingers with chips H/W/V 	Cheese & onion quiche H/W/V 	
PUDDING	Fresh fruit platter VE , yoghurt and fresh fruit		

Photographs are for illustration purposes only and listed items may be subject to change

WEEK 03		WEEK BEGINNING: 9 TH MAY • 6 TH JUNE • 27 TH JUNE 18 TH JULY • 12 TH SEPTEMBER • 3 RD OCTOBER	
CHOICE 1		CHOICE 2	
MONDAY	Chicken curry with rice & naan H/W 	French bread pizza with herby wedges H/V 	
PUDDING	Fruit and yoghurt V		
TUESDAY	Cheese wheels with sauté potatoes H/V 	Vegan bolognese with pasta H/VE 	
PUDDING	Carrot cake H/V , yoghurt and fresh fruit		
WEDNESDAY	All day breakfast H 	Vegan all day breakfast H/V 	
PUDDING	Cheese, crackers & apple slices H/V , yoghurt and fresh fruit		
THURSDAY	Roast chicken with roast potatoes and gravy H 	Broccoli bake with roast potatoes and gravy H/V 	
PUDDING	Ice cream sundae VE , yoghurt and fresh fruit		
FRIDAY	Salmon fish cake with chips 	Spanish omelette H/W/V 	
PUDDING	Shortbread & fruit H/V , yoghurt and fresh fruit		

MAKING A DIFFERENCE EVERY CHILD EVERY TIME





PLYMOUTH PIRATES WEEKEND

Enjoy two days of swashbuckling fun with plenty of activities for the whole family to enjoy! 🏴‍☠️ ⚓ 🦜

Organised by the Plymouth Waterfront Partnership Business Improvement District, Plymouth Pirates Weekend takes place on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 May across the Barbican and Sutton Harbour.



Pirate Treasure Trail



Entertainment Programme



Family Activities



Street Entertainment



Tall Ships



Sea Shanty Bands



Pirate Acrobatics Show





FSA news



Don't forget to sign up for May's paediatric first aid course.

Paediatric First Aid Workshop 9:10-11:10am

Thursday 28th April course code W14BF41X

Or

Wednesday 25th May course code W14BF31E

Or

Thursday 23rd June course code W14BF41V

To sign up for this course, please click on the link below, complete the form and use the correct course code for the day you would like to attend

<https://forms.office.com/r/6uZtgd5ssd>

If you have any questions, please email c.wilkinson@discoverymat.co.uk



Events Calendar

Plymouth is renowned for its spectacular event schedule. Come for the South West's largest food festival, watch unforgettable fireworks or listen to incredible live music. Whatever you're into, there's something in Plymouth for you to enjoy.

Plymouth's top events, include Plymouth Armed Forces Day, the British Firework Championships, Pirates Weekend Plymouth and food & drink events, like Flavour Fest and Seafood & Harbour Festival.

There are many smaller community based events that happen within the city which are promoted for the local people of Plymouth, but are also open to all visitors, so it's always worth checking what's on.

Click through the event listings below, or search for specific types of event, from exhibitions, arts & culture, theatre & comedy and music, gigs & concerts.



Class Assemblies Term 5 & 6

Hockney (Y6) - Friday 17th June
Foundation Stage—Friday 1st July



9.15 start . If you would like to come earlier for a quick cuppa, please come into the dining hall and join us.

Parent Reading Sessions at 2.15pm —Term 5

Mondrian (Y1/2) - Tuesday 10th May
Gaudi (Y5) - Monday 16th May
Hadid (Y6) - Tuesday 24th May

If you would like to volunteer to listen to your child read and spend some quality time together, you are more than welcome to come in on their allocated day and join them in the library.



We're Looking For Your Ideas

What would you like to see in your school newsletter? Let us know if there's anything you would find useful or interesting and we will see what we can do. Email Mrs Webley at westonmill.desk@discoverymat.co.uk

Thank you



Weekly attendance for 3rd—6th May 2022

The UK Government expectation is 96%. We are striving for children to achieve this as there is a direct link between attendance and achievement .

This week's winners are : KEILY & MONET



KAHLO	87.50
DA VINCI	84.38
MONET	90.00
PICASSO	80.29
GAUDI	85.42
HADID	76.19
HOCKNEY	80.56

GOLDSWORTHY	91.25
MATISSE	83.17
MONDRIAN	91.00
KEILY	92.15

Reporting Your Child Absent

Please ensure you call the school before 9.00am on 01752 365250 to leave a voicemail on the absence line. Alternatively, please email on westonmill.desk@discoverymat.co.uk. If we don't hear from you, we will have to call you to find out why your child isn't in school.

Absence Requests and Medical Appointments

Please provide proof of any medical appointments before they occur. For any other absences, please complete an absence request form in advance to allow authorisation by the Head of School. Please attempt to make all appointments out of school time.

Thank you

Parent Pay:

Please Pay For Lunches in Advance

ALL outstanding dinner and breakfast club accounts must be cleared as soon as possible for the end of term.

Texts only get sent to parents with a dinner and breakfast club debt, so if you receive a text, please check your child's Parent Pay account.



5 - 10s Club
Tuesdays & Thursday
5:00pm - 6:00pm

At Oak Villa Social club at
Weston Mill



We ask for Weekly/fortnightly/Monthly payments preferred up front.

PAYG acceptable also if on low income or dipping in and out of sessions

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PRICES
£6 per child
£10 for 2 siblings
£15 for 3 siblings
- or -
Kit + session Deal
£25!
Then £6 thereafter per session.

KIT INCLUDES
Gloves,
Skipping Rope

Please bring water
and appropriate
training clothing.

Parents drop off
and
collect children

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6:30pm - 7:30pm

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ALL LADIES
ALL ABILITIES,
SHAPES AND SIZES.
ALL AGES 16+
DISABILITIES ALSO
WELCOME

EMPOWERING
CHANGE!!!

SUMMER BODIES ARE
MADE IN THE WINTER!

£6
per person per session
- or -
Kit and Session Deal
£30

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Thursday 28th April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are all saddened to read of the recent world events that are affecting the lives of others in Ukraine. Some of our children have asked that we do something to support the citizens of Ukraine that have been affected by the conflict.

We would like to hold a non-uniform day on Friday 20th May to raise money for the Disasters Emergency Committee [Home | Disasters Emergency Committee \(dec.org.uk\)](http://dec.org.uk) who are running a Humanitarian Appeal to support charities assisting in Ukraine.

The money raised across the MAT will be used by the DEC to:

- **£30 could provide essential hygiene supplies for three people for one month**
- **£50 could provide blankets for four families**
- **£100 could provide emergency food for two families for one month**

Please bring in donations on the day which will be collected by staff on the door in the morning.

If you would prefer not to donate, you are welcome to wear your school uniform to school as usual.

Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

Kind regards,

Mrs Clark
Acting Head of School

WELLBEING

As we are more settled into term, this is sometimes the time that children and families can find that tiredness can affect their wellbeing. The NHS provides free, lifetime access to In Our Place, a parenting website that supports adults and families with advice and free courses to support you with children from birth to teenager www.inourplace.co.uk The code is TAMAR and it will give you free access to these wonderful resources.

