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We have had a very busy week this week with Rock Steady visiting school on Wednesday for our whole school rock assembly. The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed this! We were also really excited for our key stage 2 School Champions to travel up to Dartmoor to watch the Olympic diver Tom Daley complete his epic challenge for Comic Relief. We hope that you have a wonderful half term and look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 1st March. This also happens to be Shrove Tuesday and we have some fun activities planned for the children in school that day.

Please take care tomorrow with the arrival of Storm Eunice.

Matisse class have been on an arctic expedition! They used their inquiry skills to find out what explorers take on their expedition. They then got dressed into their arctic gear and went on their very own expedition around the school!



Times Tables Support Links

Following the Presentation by Mr Mann and Mr Poole this week, here are the links to the resources which were mentioned. The content is available to watch anytime on MS Teams. Should you need any further support or have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

<https://trockstars.com/>

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=percy+parker

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/>



This week, Weston Mill pupils enjoyed getting their groove on with a rock music workshop run by 'Rock Steady'. They were great at guessing the popular songs after hearing just the first couple of notes or chords. Rock Steady musician, Tom, played the electric guitar, keyboard and drum kit - encouraging children to show off their musical talents by singing along, clapping the rhythm and rocking out. Lots of children also demonstrated their musical knowledge by answering lots of music theory questions.





Lots of children look after someone at home who is ill or disabled

A young carer is someone under 18 who is caring, unpaid, for a family member or friend who is ill, frail, disabled or has mental health or addiction problems. They often take on practical and/or emotional caring responsibilities that would normally be expected of an adult.

Don't forget to let us know if you think your child is a young carer. If you have any questions about this please call Mrs Wilkinson on 01752 365250 or email c.wilkinson@discoverymat.co.uk

ATTENDANCE WEEK 14TH FEB—17TH FEB 2022

The Government expects a target of 96%. Well done to this weeks winners: Matisse & Hockney

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| KAHLO | 81.62 |
| DA VINCI | 74.34 |
| MONET | 91.20 |
| PICASSO | 90.87 |
| GAUDI | 94.44 |
| HADID | 92.26 |
| HOCKNEY | 98.61 |

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| GOLDSWORTHY | 85.05 |
| MATISSE | 86.11 |
| MONDRIAN | 85.58 |
| KEILY | 81.73 |



Last week in Kiely class, we went on an Arctic adventure as part of the end destination for our topic: What is it like in the Arctic Circle?

We dressed as Arctic explorers and used our inquiry skills to try the different foods that an explorer would eat, not all of us loved the pemmican (corned beef) as you can see from the photos. Next, we used our problem-solving skills in a geography quiz before using creativity skills to imagine riding sledges pulled by huskies!



This week year 3 and 4 have been using their STEM skills to design and make Roman Chariots for D.T. Here are some pictures of DaVinci class, hard at work!



Last week, Mondrian class went on an Arctic adventure as part of our topic: What is like in the Arctic Circle? We packed our bags, put our hats and gloves on and off we went to the North Pole! We used our inquiry skills to find out what explorers eat, our problem-solving skills to complete an Arctic quiz and finally we used our creativity skills to climb icebergs and what is like to be pulled by huskies on a sledge. We had a lot of fun!



Year 6 have enjoyed developing their observation STEM skill recently through a practical science activity demonstrating how fossils are formed. Hockney and Hadid class used bread and jelly sweets to conduct an experiment to see how fossils are formed over millions of years. By adding a layer of jelly sweets in between two pieces of sliced white bread, placing it into a ziplock bag and sitting on it, they were each able to explore how this 'fossil' formed over a couple of days. The sweets made indents in the bread which resembled how fossils allow us a glimpse at the world during different time periods.



EYFS

Early Years have explored what Online Bullying is through engaging in stories shared in videos using our National Online Safety Platform and have shared activities and observations using Tapestry. They have also discussed how to stay safe online and discussed what the difference was between being safe and unsafe online.



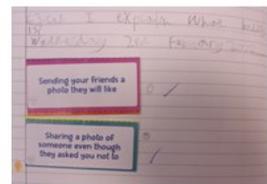
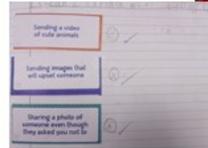
Online Bullying / Online Reputation Weston Mill Term 3

Children at Weston Mill have spent time exploring what it means to be safe online. They have also learnt about what online bullying is. Exploring how we can report this using many of the social media applications available to us.

Children also completed an additional E-safety unit based on understanding how to maintain a good online reputation. They explored the use of search engines and considered the reliability of information that is displayed online. Children have also researched information that can be held online and how search engines portray information and have considered how this could affect individuals.

Join our National Online Safety Platform
This learning was supported by our E-safety resources available at: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/weston-mill-community-primary-academy>

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E-Safety- Matisse Class

This term Matisse Class have been learning about online bullying in our e-safety lessons. We have learnt what being kind online looks like and when we should tell an adult, we have also learnt how being unkind to someone online might make them feel. We discussed what bullying is and how this is something that happens repeatedly. We also talked about who we should tell if someone is unkind to us online, we used jigsaw pieces to write the names of trusted adults on and then tried to fit them together to make a jigsaw. We thought of lots of adults such as mum, dad, grandma, grandad, teachers and older brothers and sisters.



Y5/6

Children in Y5/6 researched their favourite celebrities and considered how reliability of the information available. They also discussed how different types of information can cause others to form opinions and shared which types of information may have positive and negative connotations. As part of their Online Bullying unit, children developed and shared 5 top tips for being kind online. We related this to a range of digital uses including social media, games and discussed the impact that bullying and being hurtful online can have.

Tom Hiddleston



DOB: 9 February 1981
Height: 6'7 and 1/2"
Zodiac: aquarius
Job:actor/played in films like overengers(oki)
Pets:Golden Retriever called muffins

Name: Jordan Mae Williams
Age: 10 years
DOB: 1st May 2002
Siblings: Audrey Marie Williams, 21 yrs, Jake Williams, 16 yrs, Tyler Williams, 12yrs.
Parents: Katie Williams and David Williams



Photo:
Birthplace: Florida
Height: 5'7"
She lives USA, Utah, Logan
1 week ago she went on a mission (for 1 and a half years) where she went to Iowa and spread her religion (Christian) and it has a positive reputation.

Year 3/4 learnt about making judgements about other people online, and how we don't know everything that is happening behind the scenes. We made chatterboxes that the children wrote things they could do online that would give them a positive and negative reputation. In the next lesson we discussed online bullying and what to do if you, or someone you know is being bullied online.





FSA news



| Day | Time | Event & place | Staff | Additional |
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| Mondays Week 1-7th March Week 2-14th March Week 3-21st March Week 4-28th March Week 5-4th April Course code- W14BF11C | 2 hours 9:10-11:10am | Wellbeing Through Crafting in School Dining Hall | Claire Wilkinson & Claire Veitch | FREE 5 week adult learning course. Starting with arts and crafts such as making soaps or bath bombs. During the first session, the course facilitator will find out what the group would like to learn, with the rest of the course being tailored to suit you. If there is enough interest, we will be able to put on another 5 week course, with a focus on functional skills like <u>Maths</u> , English and IT or other lifestyle skills, it's entirely up to you! <u>A crèche can be provided for siblings 12 months & over but this must be booked in advance.</u> |
| Thursday 28th April course code- W14BF41X Or Wednesday 25th May course code- W14BF31E or Thursday 23rd June Course code- W14BF41V | 2 hours 9:10-11:10am | Paediatric First Aid Workshop in School Dining Hall | Laura Foley | This 2 hour workshop is to help you feel more confident in administering first aid to small children. |

To sign up to either of the above courses please click on the link below, complete the form and use the correct course code for the course you would like to attend

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

If you would like to use the crèche facility, please email c.wilkinson@discoverymat.co.uk at least 1 week before the course start date.

Goodbye and Thank You

Unfortunately, Miss young will not be returning to Da Vinci class after half term. Miss Young has been unwell recently, and although she is recovering, she has made the decision to spend time focusing on her health and getting better. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope that she may be able to pop in and visit us all soon.



After School Clubs

Please remember, the after school clubs for term 3 will be finishing this week.

In term 4, starting 1st March :

Tuesday Lego club for years 1 & 2 (for the children who did not come on Thursday in term 3)

Fridays is Junior Ten Tours for years 6.

Thank you

Water Bottles

Can you please ensure you only supply water for children to drink in class. They can bring squash in a separate bottle for lunch.

Thank you



Nursery

In nursery the children do lots of messy play with mud, foam and water. They also use paints, glue and glitter and despite using aprons, they can get their clothes messy! It's a good idea to send them in play clothes, that are ok to get dirty.

Thank you



NETHERCOTT FARM - YEAR 4 & 5

Polite reminder that the third payment for this residential was due on 24th January 2022.

BARTON HALL RESIDENTIAL - YEAR 5

Polite reminder that the second payment for this residential was due on 31st January 2022.

BRISTOL / BATH TRIP - YEAR 6

Deposits for this trip can now be made on Parent Pay.

Please speak to the office if you would like to discuss your payment or require a Parent Pay Bar Code letter.

Thank you.

Borrowed Clothing and Donations

If you have borrowed any clothing from school, please can you wash and return them as soon as possible as we are struggling for spare clothing when children need them. If you would like to donate clothing, that would be great, please bring in clean clothing to reception.

Thank you

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 nineteen.

www.inourplace.co.uk The code is TAMAR and it will give you free access to these wonderful resources.

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We are delighted to confirm resuming our Argyle Community Trust Cricket provisions running at two venues in Plymouth this April:

Manadon Sports and Community Hub

All Stars Cricket (5-8 years old) - £40 which includes 8 weeks of coaching & a participate pack which includes a bat, ball and bag!

Date & Time – Tuesday 10th May – Tuesday 28th June (5pm-6pm)

Booking link below:

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/BookCourse/27ffd867-db28-4935-9fcc-e8f20322b801>

Dynamos (8-11 year old) - £40 which includes 8 weeks of coaching & Personalised T-Shirt, TOPPS Cricket Attax Card

Date & Time – Tuesday 10th May – Tuesday 28th June (5pm-6pm)

Booking link below:

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/BookCourse/bc4e4da9-5b95-4dba-a5e4-37f9da352f9f>

Central Park Hub

All Stars Cricket (5-8 years old) - £40 which includes 8 weeks of coaching & a participate pack which includes a bat, ball and bag!

Date & Time - Thursday 12th May – Thursday 30th June (5pm-6pm)

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/BookCourse/6cfb8782-a5ce-4498-8ee4-e465ba68059e>

We hope you can join us on one of the above programmes.

If you have any questions please let me know.

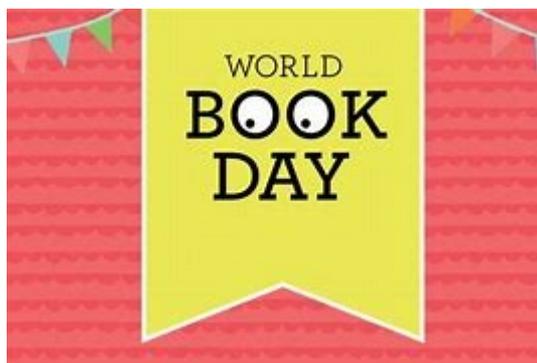
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World Book Day

Thursday 3rd March

Dress up as your favourite book character. Please don't feel you need to buy something new, home made costumes are so much fun to create together.

Family Activities and Events for Half Term

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Free, no need to book. Drop in for as little or as long as you like. Please be aware you may have to wait a short while if the session is busy.

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The above activities are free! There are lots of other events [Family Friendly Events - Visit Plymouth](#)

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Free Courses Available for Adults

A range of free courses covering things like digital skills, health and wellbeing and foreign languages are now available for adult learners in Plymouth and surrounding areas. Over 55 courses available. The courses are being provided by the city's adult education provider On Course South West, part of Plymouth City Council, as a major boost for adults who want to achieve personal goals, support their wellbeing or develop confidence and abilities in both their personal and working lives.

Any adult (aged 19 or over) interested in taking up this offer can call On Course South West on 01752 660713 or visit www.oncoursesouthwest.co.uk for more information, including course options, requirements and start dates.



Lost property

We will have a table of lost property on the school playground on **Tuesday 1st March and Tuesday 22nd March** during morning drop off. If this is not claimed by the end of term, we will make it available for parents who wish to make a small donation.

Any lost property left over will then be donated to charity.

If you think
someone could
use a friend,
be one.

What an experience we had cheering on local hero Tom Daley. Wonderful to get the chance to meet an aspirational superstar from Plymouth. Running across Dartmoor is not easy at the best of times, let alone after three gruelling days rowing, swimming, cycling and running. [#comicroelief](#)

