



School-wide News

Fantastic Learning

We have seen some wonderful stories by Reception children this week. The children have been learning the story of the Gingerbread Man and altering it with their own details. We loved reading about the adventures of the Gingerbread Starfish!

Move-up Day

On Wednesday 14th July, teachers will be visiting their new classes. In the current COVID climate, we have decided to take a cautious approach and limit the time that staff spend in a different bubble, but wanted to make sure that the children still get to meet their new teachers. The children will stay in their current classrooms and their new teacher will come to introduce themselves and answer questions about next year. Year 3 teachers will be making a video to share with the children in year 2, introducing them to the Myrtle site and to their new classrooms.

School Reports

A reminder that your child's report will be sent out on Monday 12th July. This will also be when you will find out your child's class and teacher for next year.

Safety reminder

Please can you make sure to move on from the school gates after dropping off or picking up your child at Merrywood, so that there is room for everyone to keep safely to the pavements.

Pre-school Places

There are still places available in September for our fantastic pre-school / nursery. Please contact the school office for further information.

Community News



Engaged

ERIC's Parents & Carers Support Group in Bristol

A group for anyone caring for a child or young person under the age of 19 who has a bowel or bladder condition.

Zoom Parent Support Groups

Date:	Time:
11th August	7pm
26th August	11am

For information and to join,
go to: www.eric.org.uk/engagedinBristol
email: engaged@eric.org.uk or call 0117 9805938

Year Group News and Reminders

Preschool

This week we have been finding out about minibeasts in Seahorse class. We went for a bug hunt in the school garden with our magnifying glasses to see what we could find. I hope you can remember a few things we spotted!

Here are some of the things we've been doing inside this week:



Reception

Next week we will be exploring and retelling 'The Three Little Pigs'. Our Characteristic of Effective Learning focus is 'Active Learning' - 'persisting with activity when challenges occur'.

Here is a rough outline of some of the activities that we will be covering but please note they may be completed on different days in each class.

<u>Monday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading books and Reading Records will be collected to be quarantined• Phonics – Writing sentences using phase 3 sounds• Maths - Spatial reasoning• Jellyfish P.E (Athletics)• PSHE: Thinking about the best bits of Reception and what we look forward to in Year 1• Exploring The Three Little Pigs
<u>Tuesday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RE - How do we celebrate our journey through life?• Phonics – Writing sentences using phase 3 sounds• Maths – Spatial reasoning• Acting out The Three Little Pigs
<u>Wednesday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The classes will be visited by their new class teacher for a short session• We will send out new reading books• Phonics – Writing sentences using phase 3 sounds• Maths – Spatial reasoning
<u>Thursday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phonics – Writing sentences using phase 3 sounds• Maths – Spatial reasoning• Making story maps for The Three Little Pigs• Octopus PE (Athletics)
<u>Friday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phonics – Writing sentences using phase 3 sounds• Maths – Spatial reasoning• Writing the story of The Three Little Pigs• Octopus PE (Athletics)

Spare clothes

All classes are missing clothes from the spare clothes boxes that we have in case the children don't have their PE bags with them. If you have anything at home that belongs to school, please can you bring them back in so that we can replenish our supplies. Some clothes may have 'Southville' written on them, so please check if you are not sure. Thank you.

PE days

Please can children wear their outdoors PE kits to school on the following days:

Jellyfish: Monday

Octopus: Thursday

Starfish: Friday

Year 1

We have been painting our African masks this week in Year 1. It's been lots of fun!



P.E.

Bears – Mondays and Thursdays

Badgers – Tuesdays and Thursdays

Butterflies – Wednesdays and Thursdays

NumBots

Please remember to keep practising the number facts at home by playing NumBots. If you have forgotten your login details, contact your child's class teacher.

Please can your child bring in a bottle of water with them every day. If it's sunny, please remember to bring a hat. Please note that toys of any size are not to be brought into school.

Year 2

We have been doing lots of measuring in year 2 over the last couple of weeks. The children have enjoyed measuring length in cm and m and practising telling the time on an analogue clock. This week we started to measure mass using g and kg. The children had lots of fun exploring the weighing scales and measuring the weight of classroom items. Next week we will continue with this and then we will move on to looking at capacity using the units of measure ml and l to measure liquid.



Year 2 trip to Arnos Vale

Year 2 are heading to Arnos Vale to take part in some wonderful activities linked to our current topic and learning. We will be at Arnos Vale woodland from 10am-2pm and in that time we will take part in a bug hunt, tree leaf activity, natural painting, dyeing and weaving as well as whittling. **Flamingo class will visit on Tuesday the 13th of July, Fox class on Thursday the 15th of July and Falcons will now visit on Monday the 19th of July.** Thank you to the parents who have contacted the school to say they can come along and help, we look forward to seeing you soon! Please bring a face mask to wear on the coach journey to and from Arnos Vale.

Singing

At the end of term, we are going to be sharing a video of the children singing a few songs that they have been learning at school. We will be sharing these videos as a protected link on your child's Google Classroom page, as it is a secure platform. If you would prefer your child not to be included in the video, please inform your child's class teacher next week. Thank you.

Year 2 photo competition

Are you a budding photographer? Do you think you can take an interesting photograph of a tree or flower? Then this competition is for you! Please submit one photograph by Monday the 12th of July on your Google Classroom page. Year 2 teachers will then choose 3 winners which will be shared in the newsletter. We can't wait to see your entries!

PE

Falcon – Mondays and Tuesdays

Flamingo – Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Fox – Tuesdays and Fridays

Reading

Please ensure that your child brings their school reading book and reading record to school each Monday so that books can be quarantined, and new books issued on Wednesdays. Thank you!

Times tables

Please practise times tables at home on TT Rockstars. If you have forgotten your login details, contact your child's class teacher. <https://play.ttrockstars.com/>

Please can your child bring in a bottle of water with them every day.

Please note that toys of any size are not to be brought into school.

Year 3

Andy Goldsworthy Art Creations:

This week Year 3 have been having great fun creating our own nature-related 'Andy Goldsworthy' art. Here are a few of our beautiful creations below Hedgehog class – Mrs Hayes has put more of yours on Google Classrooms for you to see.

Maths

We are recapping formal methods of addition, subtraction and multiplication at the moment in maths. One of the main ways to help support your children to keep these methods fresh in their minds over the long summer break is to do a little bit now and again over the holidays. This will help their confidence for when they start back in Year 4 in September.

Do have a look at their maths target in their report when it gets sent to you on Monday as that will be a good guide to know what else to practice.

Reading

Thank you for supporting the children's reading at home this year – you've been amazing! ***Please can you send all school reading books and reading diaries in next week by Wednesday.*** We will be doing a book audit the last week of term and so won't be sending any books home next week. Your child can enjoy reading a variety of public library and/or home reading books/magazines/comics over the holidays. We will reissue them with a school reading book and their reading diary at the start of next term.





PE days have changed for Term 6 – see below

Heron – Wednesdays Thursdays (run day- trainers only)

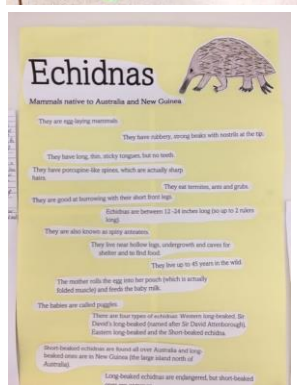
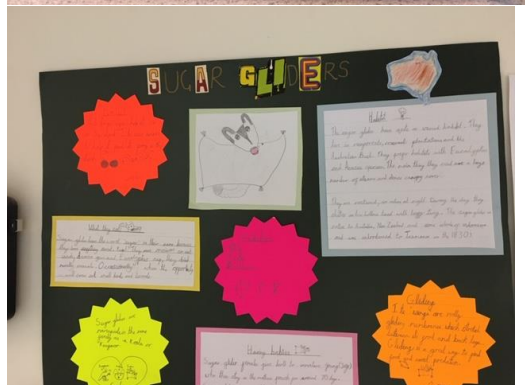
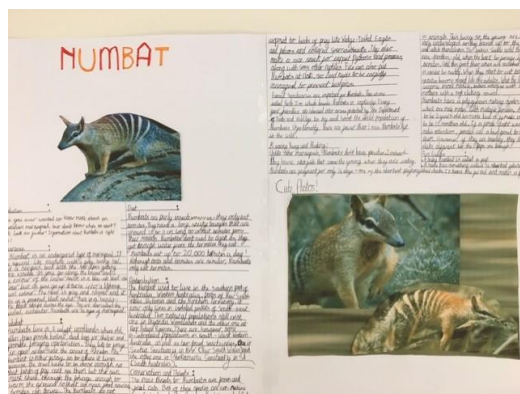
Hedgehog – Tuesdays PE clothes day. Thursdays (run day- trainers only)

Honeybee – Fridays Wednesdays (run day- trainers only)

Year 3 will also have 'Daily Mile' running sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays. (Thursdays-Hedgehog)

Year 4

This term our topic is Australia and over the past few weeks we have received some fantastic pieces of homework! These include animal posters, Australian artwork and shoebox habitats. Keep up the fantastic work year 4!



PE

Kiwi, Koala and Kangaroo

PE on Mondays

Daily mile on Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Reading

All Year 4 --Please ensure that your child brings their school reading book and reading record to school each Monday so that books can be quarantined, and new books issued on Wednesdays. Please write a short comment in the reading record each time you hear your child read. It helps to keep track of progress and identify next steps in your child's reading journey. Thank you!

If your child has lost their reading record, you may purchase a new one from the school office for a small charge. It is important that each child has a reading record and brings it to school every week.

Year 5

Climate Warriors

Well done to everyone who made some delicious vegan and vegetarian meals for their homework this week! We have been learning how eating less meat and dairy can have a big impact on reducing our carbon footprint.



Steel Drums performance

The year 5 classes have all been working hard to learn different songs on the steel drums. From complete beginners to 2 songs each in only 10 weeks. They sound fantastic and parents can view the videos of their class's performances on their Google Classroom stream. We are so proud of how much they have learnt in such a short time. Well done all of you.

PE Term 6

Lemur – Tuesdays

Leopard – Tuesdays

Lion – Tuesdays

Leopards and Lions will also have 'Daily Mile' running sessions on Thursdays and Fridays. Lemurs will continue to have their sessions on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Please remember that long hair must be tied back for sports and send your children with this done, for PE and running days. Thanks.

Please can your child bring in a refillable bottle for water with them every day; no squash.

Please note that toys of any size are not to be brought into school.

Reading

All Year 5 -Please ensure that your child brings their reading record to school every week – it is essential that we can see the current level and amount of your child's reading. Please update regularly with your home reading and make sure and adult signs your book. We will be checking these every Thursday so bring your books in please. If your child has lost their reading record, you may purchase a new one from the school office for a small charge. It is important that each child has a reading record and brings it to school every week.

Homework & Spellings

Homework can be found on Google classrooms. Please submit your responses via google classrooms by the date shown on the homework sheet, usually Wednesdays. Spellings in week 6 will be a mix of term 5 and 6 ones.

Year 6

Mojo Active

As you are aware our trip to Mojo Active is on Tuesday 13th July. We will be leaving school at 09:15 and we will return before the end of the school day. If our return time is delayed, we will inform the school who will text relevant parents / carers.

Please make sure that your child brings a packed lunch and ensure there are no glass bottles or fizzy drinks included. A cold packed lunch will be provided for any children who wish to pre-order one at the usual rate of £2.25.

Children should be wearing their PE kits. Please make sure your child also has a waterproof coat, as the weather is a little unpredictable at present.

Leavers Service

As you may know, covid cases in the school have risen and several class bubbles have had to isolate. Unfortunately, we have made the decision that this year's leavers' service will be recorded and posted on Google classroom for parents and carers to watch and download. This decision was not taken lightly, but, for health and safety reasons, a live show is not feasible. This is in accordance with our risk assessments and after speaking with other schools in the area. We will send all parents and carers a link to the video once it has been uploaded.

Homework & Spellings

Year 6 homework can be found on Google classrooms. Please submit your responses via Google classrooms by the date shown on the homework sheet. Remember to keep practising your times tables on TTRockstars too. All spellings can also be found on Google classroom, along with the dates of each weekly test.

PE

Puffins – Thursdays

Penguins – Thursdays

Pelicans – Thursdays

Year 6 will also have 'Daily Mile' running sessions on Mondays and Fridays