

Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

Year 3/4 Key Stage 2 Newsletter - Spring 2020



*Learning together - enjoying success - aiming high - celebrating difference –
enriching community*

Introduction

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a chance for reflection about things we have done, as well as giving some pointers towards exciting activities on the horizon.

The first term provided us all with the opportunity to get to know each other better and get used to the way things work in new classes. Hopefully there weren't any major changes, more just a new relationship to develop between your child, yourself and their new teacher!

If you haven't been in to see what we do during Time to Think (8.35-8.50am) please feel free to visit or if you need a more private chat about something, your child's teacher will be able to offer you a suitable appointment at another time. If you're uncertain about who to contact, Mr Whitty is the learning leader in Year 3/4 Base 1 and Mrs Cousins in Year 3/4 Base 2. With Mrs Cousins on maternity leave after the Easter break we'll keep you advised of developments on this front. Children are also well supported by Mrs Louise and Mr Lawford, learning partners in both classes.

Our Shared Aim

All of the people involved in our Phase, children and adults alike, have been working hard to build relationships with each other. We know each other really well, having enjoyed class trips and lots of learning opportunities together. We have all spent lots of valuable time finding out about great learning behaviours we like to show when working with others, and how we can improve what we bring personally to group learning opportunities. We are currently learning that it's 'Good to be Me' where we recognise that we are all unique, brilliant human beings and we all have something to bring to our learning community. We genuinely believe in that community and hope if you have anything on your mind, that you could comfortably share that with us. We don't always get it right! When we trust that partnership though, we can solve our problems quicker and our children can enjoy learning and achieve even more.

Curriculum

Our whole team are working hard to provide a full and varied curriculum to all of our learners. We have spent a lot of our assembly time each day, thinking about our SEAL learning. SEAL stands for Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning. These sessions really do help us to become better human beings, appreciating difference around us as we help each other to become better learners on our journey of understanding.

We have an ongoing focus on Reading and Contact books and we really want them to be useful to you. They can be used as an opportunity for you to communicate with us if you can't get in to pass a message on. They also provide a place to record reflections about reading. I cannot stress enough the importance of regular reading: research shows that the majority of primary school children who read regularly and reflect upon that reading are successful in life - full stop! Many of our children and families are encouraging reading in such a supportive way that we are really enjoying being part of that reading relationship with you. Every teacher in our Phase spends time each week helping to grow this relationship by commenting on the reading that has taken place. Remember to use the Reading & Contact book – there is lots of extra information at the back. If you need a bit more support with any aspect of reading, please contact an adult in school and we would be only too pleased to help you further.

Finally a reminder of the messages we have developed so far this year that help children get ready to learn. You can use them at home too, to encourage and support your child further:

Don't give up! Give new things a go! It's okay to make mistakes – that's how we learn!

Challenge is good!

Believe in yourself – you can do it!

Everyone can be a great learner – it's how hard you try that counts!

Year 3 and 4 Base 1 Information

This term we have been continuing to focus on developing our growth mind-set. This is most evident with how the children have gone about learning their times tables, both in class and in the learning they are doing independently at home. When children pass from learning one times table to the next in their learning journey, you can hear how chuffed they are, how they fully recognise and value that this is due to the courageous effort they make.



I could make 5 groups of 4 with 20 blocks.

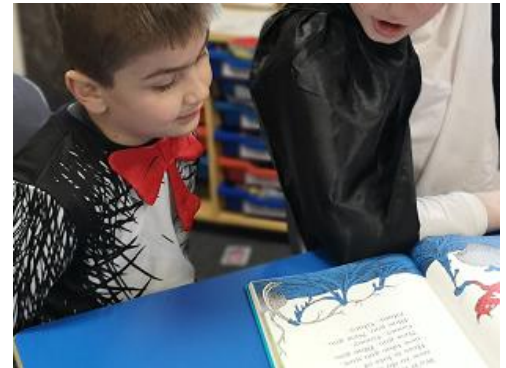
We have had some amazing learning opportunities this term.

World Book Day

A massive thank you to all who took part in World Book Day 2020.

It was a great success and the children enjoyed sharing books with each other, with Year 5 and their counterparts in Year 3 and 4 Base 2.

A huge thanks must go out to parents and carers for the effort you made to make this an occasion to remember, and for the ongoing support you give to foster such a love of reading with your child. An event such as World Book Day presents such a perfect opportunity to celebrate and appreciate all the hard work you do!



Life Education

This term the children of Base 1 took a close look inside our bodies in the Life Education bus. Inside the bus, we met Helen (Life Educator), Harold and 'The Brain'. The Brain taught us about how messages are sent around the body and back to our brains again.

The children really enjoyed this experience. At the end of the session, the whole class got the chance to meet Harold, as we made our way back to class. Afterwards, the children were heard saying things like, 'That was so cool,' 'I really loved it,' 'The brain is so powerful it makes us move'.

It is fair to say a great time was had by all and we learned a lot about how our body works.

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Year 3 and 4 Base 2 Information

This term we have been getting stuck into our learning focusing on our 'Growth Mindset'. We have been working hard to develop existing knowledge in all subject areas to create new learning pathways in our brain.



We have been very fortunate this term to have been a part of some amazing opportunities...

West End in School – Chinese New Year Dance Workshop

To celebrate and learn about the Chinese New Year, Esme from West End in Schools came to Haytor View. We learnt the story of Chinese New Year and choreographed a dance. We all really enjoyed the experience.



*"I enjoyed being a dragon."
Kallum*

*"I enjoyed listening to the story of the Chinese New Year and the race."
Alyrica-Jane, Jaymie-Jo and Darcie*



School Sports Partnership – Gymnastic Festival

We had a fantastic time at the SSP Gymnastic festival. We learnt many new skills and worked with different children from other school. We have developed these skills during our PE sessions. The children demonstrated great sportsmanship and



*"I noticed that everyone gave it a go and tried."
Leon*

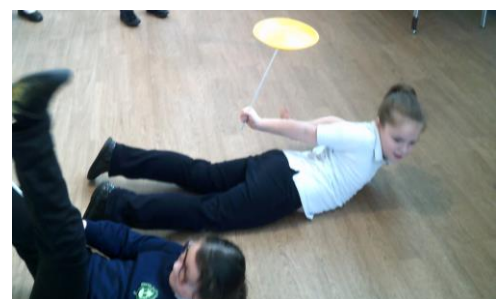
*"I enjoyed it. I learnt how to do a shoulder stand."
Natalie*

*"I liked seeing children that use to be at our school."
Samir*



Lucas Jet Circus Workshop

We had the most amazing time participating in the Lucas Jet Circus Workshop. We learnt lots of new skills which we thought would be really hard to do. One of our favourite parts was the show at the end. It was incredible! We can't wait to see them again hopefully.



School Clubs

Children in our Phase have the opportunity to enjoy lots of clubs as follows. If you are picking your child up after a club, please wait in the courtyard (under the covered area if it's raining!) for the club to finish, then your child will be brought to you at 4.15pm by the teacher running the club.

Day & time	Club & adult responsible
Tuesdays 3.15 – 4.15pm	Y3/4 curriculum sports (Mr Whitty) Playleaders (Mrs Louise) KS2 Choir (Mr Blurton)
Thursdays 3.15 – 4.15pm	Y3/4 B1 Home learning (Mr Whitty)
Fridays 3.15 – 4.30pm	Football Club (Mr Pike & Mrs Louise)

Home learning

Home learning is given out every week. It is very important that your child is given the opportunity to carry out their home learning activities at some point during the week, to enhance the learning that takes place in school. If you are finding it difficult to provide that time to your child, perhaps they would benefit from home learning club. If you feel that this would support you, please get in contact with your child's learning leader and we will make a place available for them. It's a great opportunity for your child to complete some of their home learning and to ask about anything they may not understand. Home learning club sees children discussing problems, finding solutions and completing activities together. When they need a teacher's help, they ask and are involved in a discussion to help them make progress. It really is a helpful learning environment and a pleasure to be involved in. Get them signed up!

Celebrations

Assemblies take place each day for our children. On Monday, certificates are awarded before our SEAL assembly. Check your child's Reading & Contact Book each week to ensure you don't miss their award! All parents/carers are very welcome. On Tuesday, the children enjoy singing with Mr Blurton then Mrs Cousins and Miss Shopland continue with the SEAL theme on Wednesday and Thursday. On Friday, a child from each class is selected by their teacher to receive an award for a variety of different reasons. Keep an eye out for the school newsletter for further details.

Any other information and important dates for your diary

Well, as you probably guessed, this newsletter was written before our current situation regarding the school closure. With regard to future diary dates: we're in the same boat as you - we don't know! We will, however, keep you updated via the website and School Gateway.

As we move into the Easter holidays, I would just like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing best efforts in keeping your children safe – it really is the most important thing we can all do.

With regard to learning, keep checking your class home learning page on the school website – we're loving the responses we're receiving and we're only a few days in!

Mr Whitty and Mrs Cousins will continue to provide daily activities via the website during term-time. In addition, all children should continue to complete ongoing reading commitments including comments in their Reading and Contact book during term-time. Teachers will be very busy reading and responding to those comments when we return to school!

Thanks for taking the time to read this newsletter and for providing your continued support. I'm looking forward to when everything can return to normal and we can get back to providing high quality learning and care for your children on a daily basis... in school! Please keep yourself and others safe.

Graeme Hankin – Key Stage 2 Phase Leader