

# Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

## Year 3/4 Key Stage 2 Newsletter – Autumn 2023



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

### Introduction

Welcome to our regular termly newsletter, specifically developed for Years 3 and 4, and designed to bring you up to date with all that's going on this half term and next. Whether it's curriculum, home learning or after school activities that you're keen to know more about, it's all found here!

Of course if there are other questions that you have, or suggestions you'd like to make just get in touch with me or any adult in the team – we'd all be happy to help.

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 and are enjoying lots of learning opportunities together. We genuinely believe in our community and hope that if you have anything on your mind, 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 feel confident enjoying learning and achieving even more.

Michaela Cousins - Year 3/4 Phase Leader

### Curriculum

We are excited to be offering our shared parent reading sessions again! Last year this was really successful and enjoyable as the children were able to spend quality time with parents and other family members sharing reading books. Mrs Brown and I have valued the time after these sessions to catch up with parents and carers about the children's reading and their home learning. **These sessions happen every Thursday, 2:45pm until 3:10pm. Please come along!**

During the autumn term, our learning will focus on....

|                  | Year 3                                        | Year 4                           |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Writing</b>   | Narrative                                     | Letter writing                   |
| <b>Maths</b>     | Composition sand Bridging to 100              | Composition and bridging to 1000 |
| <b>Science</b>   | Light                                         | Sound                            |
| <b>PE</b>        | Dance                                         |                                  |
| <b>History</b>   | Stone Age to Iron Age                         | Romans                           |
| <b>Geography</b> | Finding Places We Know                        | Newton Abbot Maps                |
| <b>Music</b>     | Christmas Production                          |                                  |
| <b>Computing</b> | Stop frame animation                          | Audio production                 |
| <b>Art</b>       | Weaving                                       | Still Life                       |
| <b>DT</b>        | Pneumatics                                    | Cooking                          |
| <b>RE</b>        | Jewish People Festival and Family Life        | Trinity                          |
| <b>Languages</b> | Developing understanding of French Vocabulary |                                  |
| <b>PSHE</b>      | Celebrating Difference                        |                                  |

### Home learning

Home learning will be given out every Thursday and be due in the following Wednesday. It is 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 is on Thursdays, 3:15pm until 4:15pm.**

### After School Activities this term

Computing Club with Mrs Brown – Mondays 3:15pm to 4:15pm

Choir with Miss Manley – Mondays 3:15pm to 4:15pm

Premier Sports Club – Wednesdays 3:15pm to 4:30pm

Home Learning Club with Mrs Cousins and Mrs Brown - Thursday 3:15pm to 4:15pm

## What have we been up to already?

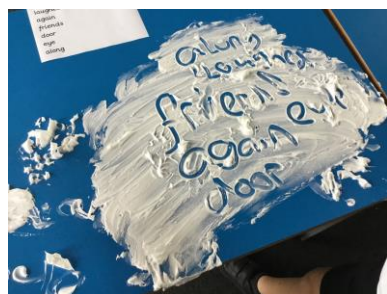
### Year 3

Year 3 have enjoyed learning about Rocks in Science. They have classified them according to their properties and explained the fossilisation process. They are now going to be learning all about what light is, its dangers and how shadows are made. In Geography, the children have been using the 8 points of a compass to find key human and physical characteristics of our local area.



In History this term, the children will be visiting Torquay Museum to discover more about prehistoric Britain as they learn about life from the Stone Age to the Iron Age.

We have been working hard on learning our spellings. We have been having fun using lots of different strategies!



### Year 4

Year 4 have enjoyed different challenges this term. The children worked in teams to create the longest paper chains. The competition was fierce. The children also had fun trying to fold rectangular paper into circles.



In science the children have been learning about the digestive system, and had enormous fun creating poo to greater understand the process of how food travels through their bodies. There were squeals and groans from many children as they recreated the process using orange juice, water, tights, Weetabix and paper cups.



Year 4 are looking forward to a walk around the school to explore how they would create an ordnance survey map. The children will be making something yummy and understanding healthy eating in design technology.