

# Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

## Year 3/4 Key Stage 2 Newsletter – Summer 2022



*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. It feels like we have been through some very stormy weather over the last couple of years as a Phase group but this academic year feels like the first decent stretch where we have been on the open seas again – still suffering the effects of the storm but at least we are on the same boat together again!

If the Autumn term provided us with the opportunity to get to know each other better and get used to the way things work in new classes, then the Spring term was when the scales tipped towards academic learning! 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 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, Mrs Cousins is the Learning Leader in Year 4 and Year 3 and 4 Coordinator, and it's Mrs Brown in Year 3. If they are busy and you just want to pass something on quickly, feel free to mention it to our Learning Partners, Miss Wicks and Mrs Louise. In addition, feel free to chat with me - Mr Hankin. I'm the year 6 teacher and Key Stage Two Phase Leader.

### Our Shared Aim

All of the people involved in our Phase, children and adults alike, consistently work hard to build relationships with each other. We know each other really well, having enjoyed class trips and lots of learning opportunities together. We genuinely believe in our 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 feel confident enjoying learning and achieving even more.

### Curriculum

We have had a real focus on Reading this year. 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! We have invested a great deal of our time and money this year in helping children become enthused about reading – you will have seen your child bringing home new reading books. These are loaned to us by Devon Library Services and are changed regularly to ensure our stock of books in school is still attractive and exciting to your children. We try our hardest to keep up with their desire for new texts!

Whatever your child is learning, feel confident supporting them with the following messages:

**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!**

### Home learning

Home learning is given out every week. 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 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!

**For other information and important dates for your diary – please see our weekly school newsletter**

Graeme Hankin – Key Stage 2 Phase Leader

## Year 3 information

### West End in Schools

Year 3 had an amazing Spring Term as they took part in a dance workshop focussing on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

The children set the story to music and acted out the roles of the five children's visit to the Chocolate Factory.

The children learned to express character traits and emotions using different dance moves.

The end production saw all of the children put their individual choreographed sections of the story together for a fantastic finale.



### World Book Day

The children had a fantastic World Book Day. Year 3 joined Year 5 and shared books and costumes with each other and offered book recommendations.

The children enjoyed a Where's Wally hunt in the classroom, they created their own book covers and listened to David Walliams read an extract from Gangsta Granny.

In the afternoon, year 3 shared a book quiz with year 5, hosted by Miss Manley.

### This term

The children will be looking forward to a school trip. We are planning on making puppets using their Design Technology skills and knowledge from the last two terms. This will see the children explore new skills and challenges from modelling to creating eyes which light up.

## Year 4 information

Below are just a couple of highlights of what Year 4 were up to over the Spring Term. Make sure you keep checking our webpage as it is regularly updated with the children's learning, events, successes and celebrations!



### Young Spirit of Adventure

The children recently had an amazing adventure challenge morning organised by Young Spirit of Adventure. They rose to each challenge with enthusiasm and excitement as they worked in teams to discuss and solve physical and mental puzzles and problems. A great time was had by all!

*'It was fun – especially the wheel!'*

*'I have learnt to keep persevering.'*

### Learning

The children have been really focused on their learning this term. In writing, we have been exploring the art of storytelling. The children have been practising their storytelling skills and paired up with the year one's to share their stories.



### Up and coming...

Look out for the year 4 **Blog Page** on our school website. The children have been working on their blogging skills during their ICT lessons and beginning to build their very own blog page.

During the second half of the summer term, the children will be going to **Torquay Museum** as part of our Ancient Egypt history learning, more information to follow.

Reminder that **PE days are on a Monday and Wednesday**. We are outside for the rest of this term; please make sure your child has appropriate clothing and footwear.