



Newsletter

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Holiday Dates

First day of autumn term

4/9/19 (School)

9/9/19 (Nursery)

Autumn half term:

21 – 25/10/19

SCHOOL CLOSED

25/11/19

Christmas Holiday:

Last day: 20/12/19

First day back: 6/1/20

Half term:

17 – 21 Feb 2020

Easter Holiday

Last day: 27/3/20

School open: 14/4/20

Bank Holiday: 8/5/20

Summer half term:

25/5/20 – 29/5/20

Last day: 17/7/20

Event Dates

Parents evening;

16/10/19

Fireworks: 5/11/19

Anti bullying wk:

12/11/19

Welcome Back

Welcome back to everyone! I hope that you have managed to have a great summer holiday and a chance to have some quality time together as a family.

We are now starting a new school year and already the term looks very busy with many exciting opportunities for you and your children to get involved. There has been a real buzz around the school this week with the children settling into their new classes and starting their new learning journeys.

This week we welcomed the children into our reception class. They have all settled really well and are enjoying making lots of new friends. The children have been busy doing lots of activities and have been onto the big playground where they have been able to play with their big brothers and sisters. A wonderful first week!



Uniform

It is lovely to see all the children back at school in their smart new uniforms - this brings a real sense of belonging to the Watcombe team. Please can I remind you to put names into the uniform to try and help relocation should it be lost. Please can you make sure that the children have a PE kit in school throughout the week so that they are able to access their PE sessions safely. Many thank.

Learning Journeys

In Key Stage 1 (**Dolphins & Seals**) the learning journey for the first half of the Autumn Term will be focused upon creating sculptures and teaching the National Curriculum required learning for Key Stage 1 Art.

The children will craft sculptures for our KS1 garden that will have been influenced by the work of the artist Andy Goldsworthy and his use of natural objects to create 3D art.

To start this topic we will take a trip up to Brunel Woods to take our own inspiration from nature and collect some natural materials to help us produce our own art work.

We will open up our garden and invite you into admire the sculptures and discuss all the skills the children have acquired.

If you think that you can help us in anyway - natural objects you can give us, art skills you have and can come in as a visitor to share, then please let the KS1 team know.

For the LKS2 classes (**Seahorses, Lobsters & Sharks**) they will be also developing their artist skills and will be finding out more next week. Following this the children will be following a history based learning journey for the second part of this half term.

For the UKS2 classes (**Starfish & Hermit Crabs**) - they will be finding out next week about their learning journey! More information will follow.



School / class blogs

Don't forget you can keep up with your child's learning on the school and class blogs: <http://www.watcombe-primary.torbay.sch.uk/>

Acorn Choir

We are pleased to able to say that Acorn choir will be continuing on Mondays (starting 9/9)- in the hub after school. All children from age 8 and above are welcome to attend.

Sessions are free will be held from 3- 4.45pm. Please contact Mrs. Looker for details.