



Newsletter

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Holiday Dates

Easter holiday:

8/4/19 - 22/4/19 (back on 23/4/19)

May half term:

27 – 31 5/19

Last day of summer term:

19/7/19

First day of autumn term

4/9/19

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

Event Dates

SATS week: 13/5/19

Music assembly: 22/5/19

Phonics testing: 10/6/19

Sports Day (school):

21/6/19

Sports Day (nursery):

28/6/19

Y6 transition day: 4/7/19

R & N welcome

meetings: 4/7/19

Reports: 12/7/19

Learning Journey

For **Seals and Dolphins** the learning journey this half term is a geography focus and aims to teach the children about the world. We are linking the teaching of the continents and oceans to the idea that the class dolphin soft toy 'Derek', has been packed in a suitcase and is travelling around the world, through many areas of different climate, and of different physical and human features. He sends us a postcard every week with clues as to where he is and we have to find out about that place for him.

To finish our topic Derek will return and the children will tell him where he has been and demonstrate their geographical knowledge. To help with our exploration at home, you could help by studying atlases and globes and world maps in print or on the internet, learning the five oceans and seven continents, the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and surrounding seas.

This half term **Starfish and Hermit Crabs** will begin their programme of English and Maths revision and consolidation ready for their Year 6 SATs (wb 13th May) and end of Year 5 Assessments. All the children have been working very hard, including completing extra pieces of homework and attending before and after school booster sessions for Maths and Reading. We wish them all the best with these when they arrive.

Phonics - for Yr1

In June the Yr1 children will be taking the national phonics test. The learning that the children have been doing since reception will stand them in good stead to pass this test. The children have daily phonics lessons in their classes and practice using and applying phonics in both their spelling and reading. We will soon be holding a short meeting to share with Yr1 parents information about the test, how it will be implemented and what is expected of the children - I do hope you can attend. If you would like to know more about this please follow this link: <http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/resources/parent-tutorial-phonics-screening-check/>



Reading challenge

Well done to the Seahorses for winning this week's home reading challenge and well done to Starfish for coming out as overall term winners. **Please keep practicing at home.**

Exam Success

Many congratulations to the parents who studied and took their Functional Skills Maths and English exams. You are a credit to yourselves and your families. These parents have met for many weeks, studying and learning for the exams. They set an amazing example to their own children and indeed to us all. Well done ladies, you know who you are.

These groups will be starting again in September. The courses are free and a great way to get the qualifications require for employment, also to have fun and meet new friends.

Contact the school for further information.

Sport

Having won both our group games against Torre and Babbacombe, the Y5/6 football team have made it to finals night to contest the Bewley Cup semi-final against St. Margarets. If successful, we will play the final against either Preston or Sherwell Valley. Finals night this year will be held on Thursday 2nd May at Stoke Gabriel football club. Kick off for our semi-final will be at 5pm. The final kicks off at 7.15. Good luck to the boys!!

