

Autumn Term 2021 – First Half

Week Beginning 18th October 2021

Explorers: What a super busy week it's been! In maths we looked at the number 4 and then made our own numberbonds to 4 using counting teddies to help us. In phonics we learned c and k and focussed on blending the sounds together into words. On Monday we made our own playdough using Mrs McDonald's special recipe and each day we used it to make numbers and letters as well as cakes, pancakes and all sorts of other things, cooking them in our special box oven. Have a fantastic half term holiday and remember to keep up with the reading and spotting letters in the environment! 😊🍪👩🍳

Pathfinders: Its been a busy couple of weeks in Pathfinder's with the children finally writing their own 'We're going on a bear hunt' stories and we were able - despite the weather's best efforts - to complete our Local Area treasure hunt. The children did very well to correctly predict the mystery word 'Charmouth' after only the first few clues. We thoroughly enjoyed following the instructions to explore different areas of Charmouth and were made very welcome by a number of our local businesses and attractions - thank you! Well done to Pathfinders for being such good detectives and behaving so sensibly throughout. Not only did the children write their own stories, but they also marked each others work! We were so impressed by how supportive they were of each other, with brilliant listening and excellent target setting for our next steps. Great job guys! In maths in year two we have been busy looking at place value of numbers, particularly tens and ones, and completing various comparison activities. In year one the children have been making their own number sentences. We are very much looking forward to focusing on the history of our local area and completing some plant experiments for science after half term. We hope you all have a fun holiday!

Navigators: We have had such a wonderful week, the highlight of which was a visit to Dorchester museum and to the Roman townhouse. We were acting as archaeologists digging up Roman graves and finding out what the grave artefacts were and what they could tell us about the person that died. We then matched our items with previous finds in the museum's displays. We were amazed at the detail within the remaining mosaics and decided that carpeting may be easier. Our most interesting fact: Romans did not believe that children under seven could be classed as human! This caused a great deal of consternation.



The Royal British Legion:

It is 100 years since the RBL started helping service men and women and their families. Let's decorate the doors and windows of Charmouth to celebrate their 100th Birthday.

The competition will be divided into 4 groups: The Explorers, Pathfinders, Adventurers and Navigators.

You can choose to make:

1. A wreath or decorate your door using recycled materials and your own artwork, (it will need to be waterproof.)
2. Or decorate your house window inside with a picture, display and twinkly lights if you have them.

A judge will walk around the village on Saturday 13th November, and select the most striking and post a rosette and small prize through the door of the winner and runner up in each year group.

If you wish to enter please tell the school office your name, age group and address.

Why not decorate your door or window during half term to brighten up the village. It's a good excuse to get the Christmas lights up early. ☺

Regards, Judith Howells

Plan on a Page Updates

Many thanks to all those who took part in the consultation on our Plan on a Page. We have now considered all the feedback we received and finalised the plan. It can be viewed here. Please note when reading it, that the bullet points are not listed in any order of importance – everything we have set out here is important to us. We had many questions raised in the course of the consultation, which we will be responding to through regular updates on the newsfeed over the rest of this term.

A point raised was that the plan on the page does not explain how it will be delivered. This document has been kept deliberately short with key headlines only. Within school, there are further layers of development and action planning to ensure that we are working towards the objectives on the Plan on a Page.

Parent Workshops

We are planning to hold parent workshops on different aspects of learning through the school year. The following workshops will take place next half term;

Thursday 4th November – Phonics

All parents are welcome with the session particularly useful for parents of children in reception, year 1 and year 2. This session will be virtual and key points will be recorded so parents who are not able to attend can watch it at a convenient time.

Wednesday 10th November – Maths

As part of maths week, we will be holding some short workshops during the afternoon. Timings are to be confirmed and will be shared after half term. These will be virtual.

Monday 15th November – KS2 SATs information

Targeted at the parents of children in year 6 (but all parents welcome), this session will outline the arrangements for the KS2 SATs as well as outlining the expectations and how children will be prepared.

Wednesday 17th November – KS1 SATs information

Targeted at the parents of children in year 2 (but all parents welcome), this session will outline the arrangements for the KS1 SATs as well as outlining the expectations, evidencing attainment and how children will be prepared.

Covid Updates

We continue to work closely with Public Health Dorset and Dorset Council to ensure that we are doing all that we can to help keep all members of the community safe. Schools have been advised of the sharply increasing rates in the South West, with the majority of cases in school age groups and increased hospital admissions. In light of the information shared this week, we will closely review our risk assessments in preparation for the second half of the Autumn Term. Please help by considering the use of a face mask and social distancing at drop off and collection times, particularly for the first two weeks after half term.

As parents are aware, we have started to have some cases in school, mostly linked at the moment to contacts away from the school. Please continue to take lateral flow tests regularly (twice weekly is advised for the parents of primary aged children) and book a PCR test if there are any symptoms of covid.

Parent Helpers and Volunteers

We were hoping to welcome volunteers back into school just after half term, but with the current local advice, we cannot do this straight away. We will be reviewing this fortnightly, so if you are able to volunteer in school within your own child's bubble, please contact the school so we have a record of who to contact when this can restart.

Parent helpers will be needed to support Year 5 swimming on Wednesday afternoons. This will need to be parents of children who are swimming to help maintain the bubbles.

Future Dates

Here are some of our key dates this year – please note that they are all subject to confirmation and will be reviewed in light of any changing guidance and the local situation. Further dates will be added through the year.

Autumn Term

Thursday 4th November 2pm - Phonics parent workshop (virtual)

w/b 8th November – Maths Week with TTRS challenge

Wednesday 10th November (afternoon) – Supporting maths at home workshops for parents (virtual)

Monday 15th November 2pm – KS2 SATs parents information workshop

Wednesday 17th November 2pm – KS1 SATs parents information workshop

Friday 19th November – Children in Need

Monday 29th November – PTFA M&M Pantomime (in school)

w/b 13th December – Summary reports to parents

Wednesday 15th December (afternoon) - EYFS and KS1 Nativity

Friday 17th December 2pm – Carol Concert

Spring Term

Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th February – Parent consultations and opportunity to see children's books

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day

Friday 18th March – Comic Relief

w/b 4th April – Summary reports to parents

Friday 8th April – Family picnic lunch

Summer Term

w/b 23rd May – Everybody Active Week

Thursday 26th May – Sports Day and Family picnic lunch

Saturday 2nd July – Charmouth Challenge and Summer Fair

w/b 4th July – School reports to parents

w/b 11th July – Parent drop in consultation sessions

Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th July – KS2 Production

Thursday 21st July 2:30pm – Leavers Assembly

PTFA:

Thank you for all the amazing hamper donations today! Also a fantastic £60.95! You are all awesome 😊

Next up is the Christmas card fundraiser. We have sent home an order form with each child in school today. Attached to the email with the newsfeed link is the information letter. You do not need to be a child at the school to do a design (just leave the class bit blank) payment can be done by bank transfer or PayPal, details of which are on the

letter. Deadline is Monday 1st November so that they can be produced in time for Christmas. The design does not have to be Christmas inspired!

[rudolf letter](#)

[PTFA](#)

Celebration Assembly

In our celebration assembly, we particularly celebrated the following members of the school community:

Molly K. Charlotte, Jessie, Ivy, Mabel, Max, Remy, Lily and Billy

Times Tables Rockstars: Charlotte, Molly K, Maya, Alexis, Ivy, George H

Doodle Champions: Frank, Chloe, Maya, Jasmine, Elodie, charlie, Rosie, Bailey, Issy, Harry and Isla

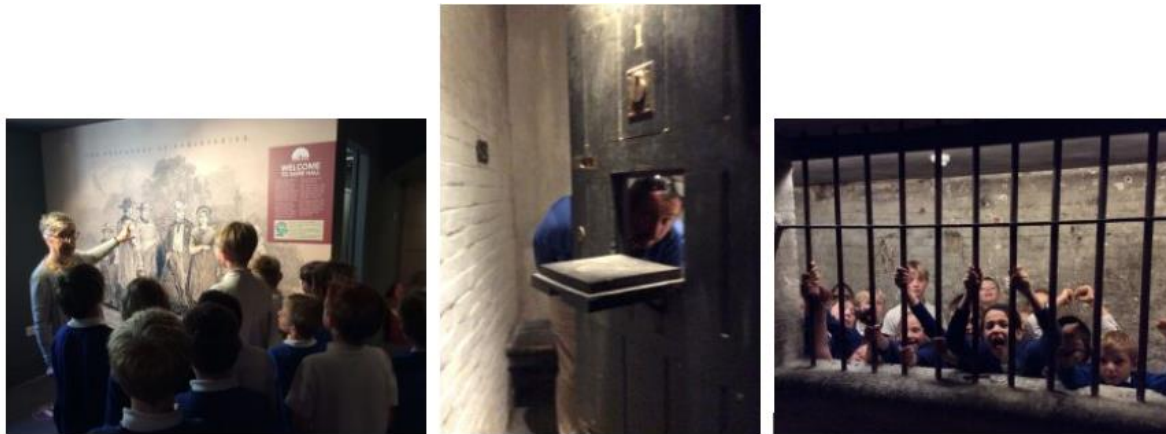
Week Beginning 11th October 2021

Explorers: Our focus this week has been on shapes in maths, looking at triangles and circles in particular. Counting the sides and corners. Inspired by the artist Kandinsky we made some fantastic collages as a class. In phonics we have learnt even more sounds, our outside whiteboard is really useful for practicing on. We created some awesome prints with Emma on Monday using the printing letters and followed this up later in the week using shapes and paint. We had our first fire drill this week and learnt where to go to line up on the playground.

Adventurers: Well it has been quite a week in Adventurers! We must say a massive thank you to Mrs. Hensman for her fantastic work with the class over the past week, the children have really enjoyed having you in. This week has seen us finish reading *The Danger Gang* by Tom Felton with a superb twist right at the end. We have begun to look at writing letters to Dani (Franky's friend in Greyville) about the FEAKY things happening in school. In particular the use of adverbs to help with our descriptive writing. Maths has seen us look at learning a variety of strategies to help us with mental addition. In topic this week the children have planned and taken control of the class for a period of time, to experience what leadership is like and we have visited Shire Hall in Dorchester (well worth a trip if you have the time). The Children have learnt about the journey of one 7 year old boy- Harry as he was tried and convicted in the Victorian court that was once held there. Luckily- Mr Glover managed to get out of the cell just in time to come home!

Navigators: Navigators Thompson and Coleman have had a wonderful week. They have really enjoyed making their Roman slab pots and have done so well to replicate the originals. They have also designed a created their own mosaic patterns and are looking forward to seeing the real thing on their trip to Dorchester next week.

In English they have been watching the animation ' Lighthouse' and are writing up the story in their own words. We have all been keeping active and with year 5 five completing fitness assessments and year six continuing to hone their swimming techniques and increase their stamina. We are looking forward to our trip next week and remind the children they are able to bring a maximum of £5 to spend in the on site shop.



Parent Consultations

Booking for virtual parent consultations is open for appointments. If you need support booking an appointment, please contact the office on office@charmouthe.dorset.sch.uk. If there is not a suitable appointment time for you, please contact the office who will arrange for the class teacher to contact you to arrange a convenient time. Links will be sent for joining the meetings on the day of the appointment.

These meetings are an opportunity to meet the class teacher and to discuss how your child has settled into the new school year. They are therefore short appointments. We are planning to have face to face appointments later in the year with an opportunity to look at your child's books.

Appointments will be available;

Explorers: Tuesday 3:30 – 5, Wednesday 1-3

Pathfinders: Tuesday 3:30 – 5, Thursday 1-3

Adventurers: Tuesday 3:30 – 5, Wednesday 1-3

Navigator Coleman: Tuesday 3:30 – 5, Friday 1-3

Navigator Thompson: Monday 1-3, Tuesday 3:30 – 5

Please also look out for an email next week with a link to a form to gather parent views on arrangements for next half term.

Diary Dates:

w/b 18th October – Parent Consultations

Tuesday 19th October - Navigators trip to the Dorset Museum

Friday 22nd October - PTFA non-uniform event, £1 suggested donation

Monday 25th October – Half term week

Tuesday 30th November – Flu immunisations

Friday 17th December – End of term



PTFA

Thank you to Creative Solutions who have donated a white board to Explorers class - what great mark making they have done.

Celebration Assembly

In our celebration assembly, we particularly celebrated the following members of the school community:

Daisy, Jack, Jadie, Harry, Simon, Indigo, Keavy, Hector, Arran, Charlie H, Molly W

Times Tables Rockstars: Tesni, Reg, lulu, Max, Friston, Eowen, Jasmine, fox, Isla, Luca, Alexis and Ella M

Reading Eggs Awards: Simon, Jasmine and Eowen

Doodle Champions: Elodie, Tesnie, Skye, Issy, Jasmine, Chloe and Maya

Week Beginning 4th October 2021

Explorers This week we have been consolidating the sounds we have learnt so far in phonics ready to start sending reading books home next week so please make sure your book bags are in school next week!! Very exciting! In maths the Explorers have been

working on understanding what the numbers 1, 2 and 3 actually look like in practical terms and different ways of making 3. Mini Explorers have been exploring the language of size by making towers and comparing them to each others. Our home corner has become a hospital and there have been a lot of ailments that the team of doctors, nurses and receptionists have dealt with.

Pathfinders: We have enjoyed a wonderful week in Pathfinders. The children have been trying really hard to improve their listening and team work skills, keep it up everyone! The children have also been really creative in planning our class story; 'We're going on a werewolf hunt' where we have stomped through chocolatey mud and discovered an abandoned house. I am really looking forward to reading their written version next week! In maths we have been solving number problems including identifying more or less and solving missing number addition and subtraction questions. We enjoyed taking a walk around the roads local to the school and identifying natural and manmade features for our Unity in the Community topic work. We also looked at Charmouth, Dorset and England on a map but we could certainly use some practise at home to help us understand the local verse national concept. Thank you!

Navigators: Navigators have been working hard on their stories this week. We've been including all the learning from the last two weeks to create Roman themed stories and have been doing really well! In topic, we've really enjoyed creating our information pages on Roman soldiers and the army and can now make the different formations. Attention!



Harvest Assembly



Thank you to all the parents who joined us, apologies for it not being the smoothest show. Thank you for all the food and money donations. Lyme Forward Food Bank will be collecting the donations on Tuesday so there is still time to bring items in on Monday.

Link to the assembly will be coming soon.

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Diary Dates:

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w/b 18th October – Parent Consultations

Tuesday 19th October - Navigators trip to the Dorset Museum

Monday 25th October – Half term week

Tuesday 30th November – Flu immunisations

Friday 17th December – End of term

TV and Online Safety

We are aware of a number of children accessing TV, film and apps which are not recommended or appropriate for children of primary age. Children often recount what they have seen or heard when in school upsetting others. Please be aware of what your children are watching and accessing online. Our Online Safety page (under the safeguarding tab: <https://charmouth.dorset.sch.uk/e-safety-2/>) has lots of links to useful information to help support you in ensuring you child, and in turn all of our children, are safe.

Our Assemblies This Week

Vision and Values: In our assembly on Monday, we explored the learning journey based on the wider world issue of conflict and where each class topic fits into this journey.

Artist of the Week: This week we found out about and looked at examples of the work of Arcimboldo. We saw how he used different objects to create portraits. This has been a good way to get us thinking about harvest in preparation for our harvest assembly.

Picture News: We considered the impact of Hurrican Ida and how facing a disaster can change us.

Wellbeing: In our wellbeing assembly, we thought about how nature can help use look after our wellbeing and mental health. As it is recycling week, we thought about how we can help to look after our natural world so we can all continue to enjoy it.

PTFA

A huge thank you for all the bags2school donations, we raised £132! Our AGM is coming up soon, please could fill out the survey that has been shared on Facebook to help us decide the best day/time to hold it.

COMING SOON.....Rudolph cards

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR CHRISTMAS EVENT 🎄



Celebration Assembly

In our celebration assembly, we particularly celebrated the following members of the school community:

Ivan, Seth, Hector, Milo, Charlie B, Tom, Lulu. Adventurers Class, Marcia and Bea

Times Tables Rockstars: Lulu, Reg, Tesni

Reading Eggs Awards: Tesni, Reg, Wilfred

Doodle Champions: Jasmine, Luca

Week Beginning 27th September 2021

Explorers: In Explorers class this week we have continued to work hard on learning our phonics sounds and how to correctly form the letters. It is fantastic to hear from parents about how their children are noticing and reading the sounds they have been learning in school when they out and about. Our maths focus has been the numbers 1,2 and 3. This may sound simple and many of the children can count to three without any difficulty. What we have been doing is making sure they can confidently identify these numbers, correctly form the numbers and count amounts out of sequence. We are continuing our topic of people who help us and linked this to the harvest festival celebration. We have also been learning about farmers and how they help us. Thinking about what they grow, how they grow crops and thinking about where our food comes from. As part of our

Harvest celebrations we have also been learning a new song which we look forward to sharing with you all soon. As well as all this we have had plenty of time to enjoy playing and talking to our friends in class. A very important part of their learning as they develop their communication skills.

Pathfinders: This week in Pathfinders we have been consolidating our knowledge of 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' with lots of retelling and drama games. We have also been looking at the story as writers and learning about adjectives and story structure. We know the story so well now that we even created our own Warning posters with advice for any future bear hunters! In maths we have been exploring different ways of making the same number and how using our number facts to ten can help us solve number problems quicker. In topic we have used google earth to explore the roads local to school and also some of our addresses! We look forward to getting out and about in the local area in the coming weeks. Lastly, we've had a fantastic time creating our Harvest art work in the style of Arcimboldo which we look forward to sharing with you in more detail in the Harvest assembly.

Adventurers: Another amazing week has passed in Adventurers Class. Our thanks goes to Mrs Hensman for the fantastic job he is doing on Mondays and Tuesday with the class. This week we have had a focus on our Harvest Festival contribution- look out for a catchy shanty on the way! We have planned, written and edited our own set of instructions for one of Mum's inventions from her Home Science Lab in the Danger Gang. I have been impressed with the quality of the work the children have produced. In Maths we continue to look at number and place value, with year 3 looking at scales for weight and capacity. Year 4 have been ensuring a good working knowledge of their times tables to help them- please keep supporting your child with Times Tables Rockstars Practice at home. In Topic we have been looking at how different countries are organized and soon will be looking at what it feels like to be in charge. Football has been going from strength to strength on Monday's and in Gymnastics on Friday's the children are creating some exhilarating balance sequences.

Just a note that Mr Glover will be taking the rest of his paternity leave next week, so will not be in school until Tuesday 12th October. He will as ever pick up his emails over the course of this, however there may be a slight delay in getting back to you.

Navigators: In Navigators Class this week we have been busy delving deeper into our class novel 'Escape from Rome' where we have looked at different techniques the author has used to keep the reader's interest. In Maths in Year Six, we've been using and applying different mental strategies, thinking about if a written method would be most efficient and multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 100 in Year Five. We are getting quite quick. Watch out at home! As we have been studying the expansion of the Roman invasion in our topic and now know why the Romans were so good at expanding their territory. Finally, we have been preparing for Harvest with an active poem and though provoking song. The children have worked so hard at their presenting and singing skills.



Parent Consultations

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Friday 8th October – PTFA bags to school collection

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Wellbeing: In our wellbeing assembly, we thought about how nature can help us look after our wellbeing and mental health. As it is recycling week, we thought about how we can help to look after our natural world so we can all continue to enjoy it.

Celebration Assembly

In our celebration assembly, we particularly celebrated the following members of the school community:

Etty, Minty, Henry, Elin, Leah, Ella, Navigators Thompson, Elisabeth, George H, Ivy, Lola, Izzy and Lucy

Times Tables Rockstars: Jadie, Sia, Alexis, Keavy, Jess, Leia, Eowen and Ethan

Reading Eggs Awards: Emily

Doodle Champions: Jess, Leah, Leia and Isla

Week Beginning 20th September 2021

Explorers: This week we have continued to consolidate the sounds we have already learned in our phonics lessons. Identifying the sounds at the start of words and beginning

to blend them to read simple words e.g dad, sat. The children have also been practicing their letter formation. Our maths focus has been repeated pattern. The children have been learning how to follow simple repeating patterns as well as making their own repeating patterns. We have also begun a new topic in class, Help is at hand. This week we have been thinking about all the people who help us. This can range from a Doctor in a hospital to family and friends. We have also made the most of this weeks fantastic weather to do as much learning as possible outdoors while having lots of fun at the same time.

Pathfinders:In Pathfinders this week we have loved starting our new text: We're Going on a Bear Hunt. We have been learning the story through drama and creating our own story maps. We even had some suspicious paw prints in our outside area!! Please ask the children as they should be able to retell the story - almost word for word. They have been great storytellers! In Maths we have enjoyed investigating equivalence using the pan balances to find different ways of making the same number. Finally, we have kicked off our new topic Unity in the Community with aerial views in Geography and a plant hunt in Science. Bring on next week!

Navigators: We have had great fun this week keeping fit and active. The children have been very innovative, tying the skipping ropes together to have a mass skip. Year 5 have also been taking part in circuits and keeping me fit demonstrating the moves. Year 6 are continuing to improve their swimming skills. In our topic we have started to research and design beds for soldiers in the field. They have found some really interesting options and will be using these to design their own products. Well done Thompson, you are all working hard to achieve your best.



Navigators Drop off and Collection

As the field is starting to get wetter, children from Navigators classes will now enter and leave the school site from the walk way gate (the gate next to the footpath and near the car park gate). Please note that children are not supervised by school staff until 8:45; if they are walking independently, please ensure that they are not leaving so early that they are waiting at the gate alone for too long.

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Learning at Home

We want to encourage children to develop learning behaviours at home as well as at school and provide opportunities for parents to support and encourage learning. We also want children to play, explore, take part in different clubs and activities and spend time with family and friends. With this in mind, we have updated our expectations for home learning document, which can be read [Home learning expectations September 2021](#). Children will have some time each week in school to log in if they have not completed home learning. Updates will also be posted on class Teams pages.

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Governor Updates

Some changes to Governor personnel occurred at the end of the summer term, Sylvia Lord and another Governor left due to health reasons. With the help of the LA we have welcomed two experienced Governors to join us as co - chairs. Mark Carter comes from business and Jill Mohiki from education, both currently chair other boards and we welcome the experience they bring particularly in relation to finance and curriculum matters.

Additionally, Miranda Feasey will be vice- chair and Jody Watson will move from parent to co-opted Governor with an SEN focus. We currently therefore have vacancies for a parent and a co- opted Governor to join. Please see the letter about the parent governor election and contact the school if you are interested in either role.

The Governors would also like to thank everyone who contributed to the recent consultation, also to Rachel Coney for leading it, we will be using this information as we plan for the year ahead.



Virtual Charmouth Challenge and Fun Run 2021

This August, runners and walkers across the country and beyond took part in the Virtual Charmouth Challenge and Fun Run 2021. Fantastic supporters from Cornwall to Romania raised £878.30 for the PTFA, which will benefit every child at Charmouth Primary School. We are looking forward to 2022 when we hope to meet in person for the 40th Charmouth Challenge and Fun Run!

Celebration Assembly

In our celebration assembly, we particularly celebrated the following members of the school community:

May, Alfred, Esmie, Billy, Chloe, Wilfred, Edie, Poppy, Tobias, Isla, Fox and Emily

In the Community:

Week Beginning 13th September 2021

Explorers: It has been a very busy week in Explorers Class. In phonics we have been learning the new sounds d and t and continuing to consolidate the sounds from last week. In math we have learning about how we can sort items either into matching pairs or by size. We have been focusing on the following mathematical language. Tall, short, longer, smaller, big, bigger and biggest. The children have also enjoyed playing with some new equipment in our outdoor area. The most popular being the steering wheel stand. The children have been using this to go on some fantastical journeys around the world. I have been transported by bus, ship, car, truck and even a tractor on these exciting trips. The children have made maps of where they are going and written out their own tickets. Looking forward to some new and interesting journeys next week.

Pathfinders: In Pathfinders this week we have been completing acrostic poems all about ourselves. We even made a class poem about being a Pathfinder! In Maths we have been securing our understanding of numbers to 20, both their order and their value. We have worked on increasing our maths fluency with number recognition and our doubles. Finally,

we have enjoyed lots of teamwork games and activities to help our communication skills as a class.

Adventurers: What a week we have had in Adventurers Class. We have enjoyed PE in the sunshine and are developing our fantastic balance work in Gymnastics. In Maths we have continued to explore Place Value and how this impacts on our number system, whilst in English we have been learning about Imperative Verbs- I hope they don't become too bossy at home! Our Topic work around being the Very Best Version of Ourselves has seen us create a recipe for a good friend with some excellent examples. Mr Glover will be away on Monday and Tuesday this week as starts his Paternity Leave but please do not hesitate to email him. He will pick them up and reply as soon as he can. Mrs Hensman will be covering him for the next few weeks and they have already ensured a smooth transition for the class.

Navigators: We have had a great week this week with our 'Very best version of me' topic. In English, we have studied poetic devices and written our own poems about bullying. In topic, we have been splitting off into year groups: the Year Sixes learning about puberty and the Year Fives about relationships and how to cope with worries. All very important life skills and knowledge. We have also had the wonderful opportunity to create our own prints with local artist Emma who is doing some work on the Char Valley and of course, Year Six have begun their swimming sessions for this term. What a busy and productive week we have had!



Diary Dates:

Friday 24th September – Individual School photographs. Year 6's will be taken in the afternoon.

Friday 24th September – Woodroffe Open Day (for children currently in Year 6). 9am - 1pm

Friday 8th October – PTFA bags to school collection

Monday 25th October – Half term week

Tuesday 30th November – Flu immunisations

Friday 17th December – End of term

We are delighted with how well the children have settled back into their learning this term and are pleased that they have continued to make good progress in their learning despite the lockdowns.

Our Assemblies This Week

Vision and Values: In our assembly on Monday, we talked about the **inspiring** achievement of Emma Raducanu at the US tennis open last weekend. We talked about how well she did there, but also reflected on her personal **growth**, particularly between Wimbledon and the US Open.

Artist of the Week: This week we found out about the band Oasis. We listened to two examples of their work and thought about our preferences about the music.

Picture News: We thought about how it would feel to be forced to leave your home, with particular reference to Afghan refugees.

Wellbeing: Our focus in our well being assembly this week has been on our feelings, including how we can experience a range of feelings but they don't define us.

We thought about the impact of saying 'I feel...' rather than 'I am...'.

Celebration Assembly

In our celebration assembly, we particularly celebrated the following members of the school community:

Marcia, Riley, Reg, Georgia, Alexis, Jasper, Jasmine, Sam, Lucy, Ivy, Anna and Izzy

In the Community:

Week Beginning 6th September 2021

Welcome Back

A big welcome back to all our children and families - to all those who are returning and those who are new to the school. We all hope that you had a lovely summer. The children have quickly settled into their routines and it has been a real delight to have them back in school with stories about the summer and excitement about our upcoming learning.

The children have really worked hard this week and we can see how tired they are! We have updated our expectations for home learning document and will be sharing it next week – the children need a break this weekend! We have been really pleased with how well so many children have got back on track in their learning after such disruption to school life over the last two years and we want to ensure that every child is achieving in line with their potential; your support at home is a key aspect to ensuring this. Please look out for more information.

We know from our pupils surveys that the majority of our children feel happy and safe at school, but we know that there are times when a child may not feel as happy and safe as they should. Please do speak to or update your child's class teacher so we can work together to ensure your child is able to thrive at school.



Explorers: We have had a fantastic first week back in Explorers class. The Explorers have all settled very well into being in school full time and have still been full of energy at the end of the day. They have all enjoyed getting to know each other and are full of enthusiasm for their learning. They have been introduced to three new sounds in phonics (m, a, s) and have begun to learn how to write these letters. We have also had a focus on improving the children's fine motor skills and hand strength, as this is the foundation for their writing skills. A fun first week full of laughing, exploring, playing and learning. We are looking forward to the mini explorers joining us next week.



Pathfinders: All of Pathfinders have settled back into school brilliantly and have been bonding really well with their new class mates. As part of our current topic 'The Very Best Version of me' we have been focusing on understanding and processing our feelings, using the story of 'The Colour Monster' to help us. The children have come up with some lovely suggestions for how to cope with different feelings. From a week on Monday, our next topic will be 'Unity in the Community; where I belong' which will have a strong Geography focus as we explore our local area in more detail. We will also be looking at stories with recurring language, using 'We're Going on a Bear hunt' as our main text. Whilst we will stay together as a class for English, Maths will be taught in year groups with Miss Morrison working with the year twos and Mrs Cornish teaching the year ones. Our PE days will be on Mondays and Fridays so please ensure children come to school in their PE kits on those days. *Miss Morrison*



Adventurers: What a week we have had in Adventurers. It has been so lovely to see all the children settle back into school. We have been writing poems this week, looking at different forms within poetry, such as Haiku. We have started to read the book: The Danger Gang, which we will use over the coming weeks to write instructions. In our topic work; 'The Very Best Version of Me' we have been considering our feelings and emotions and how these can lead and affect our reactions to things. In a week's time we will be looking at our theme 'Law and Order' for seven weeks. *Mr Glover*



Navigators: The children have settled beautifully into their new class and routines already, despite some unexpected staffing. It has been a real pleasure to see them so quickly return to their excellent learning behaviours. This week we have been looking at the book Cloud Busting which is written in different forms of poetry. In maths, both year groups have been focused on place value. During the afternoons there has been a PSHE focus as part of the 'The Very Best Version of Me' unit, giving children the opportunity explore and consider structures, routines and rules as well as friendships and equal rights. PE for children in Navigators classes is on Monday and Wednesday. Children in year 6 will be swimming on Wednesdays this half term and year 5 children will start their swimming after half term. In

addition to the above, we have started our class novel, *Escape from Rome*, in preparation for our upcoming topic 'You're Not Invited'. *Mrs Cornish and Mrs Hopson*

Diary Dates:

Friday 24th September – Individual School photographs

Friday 8th October – PTFA bags to school collection

Monday 25th October – Half term week

Tuesday 30th November – Flu immunisations

Friday 17th December – End of term

Swimming

As a school beside the sea, we feel that swimming is a key skill needed by our children; it is also part of the National Curriculum. This half term, the Year 6 children are following on from the 6 weeks swimming that they had last half term and by half term we expect the majority of these children to be able to demonstrate meeting the required standards. After half term, we plan for Year 5 to go swimming and hope to have the majority at least close to reaching this standard before Adventurers class go swimming later in the year. We have a longer term goal to be able to ensure that all children can reach the expected standards in swimming by the end of Year 4 in the hope of being able to provide children in years 5 and 6 the opportunity to apply their skills to different settings.

PTFA Updates

As you will see in the diary dates, we have organised another Bags to School collection. We have been so grateful for the enormous support from the whole community in making these so successful, so now is the time to go through the summer wardrobe and bag up those clothes!

Parents, carers and wider members of the community are all welcome to join our school lottery. You can sign up for a one off ticket or to enter regularly via www.youschoollottery.co.uk. Since we joined up, there have been 43 draws and we have raised £1,034.80.

Next week, look out for updates on the virtual Charmouth Challenge and the AGM.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Our Assemblies

Every day, we have assemblies in school. Each day has a different focus: Mrs Cornish leads the assembly on a Monday linked to the school vision and values, on a Tuesday classes find out about a visual or musical artist, Wednesday's assembly is class based on focuses on a range of current affairs, celebration is the theme of our Thursday assemblies and we have introduced assemblies on a Friday which focus on mental health and wellbeing.

Artist of the Week: This week we found out about the British painter Peter Heard. Perhaps your child can tell you what they thought of the artwork we looked at. If you would like to find out more about Peter Heard, please see www.peterheard.com



Mental Health and Wellbeing: Today we looked at how a rose can help us to think about our own wellbeing: the flower reminds us of things that are going well and making us happy, the bud represents what we are looking forward to, the thorns represent the things that we are finding difficult, are making us worried or anxious or make us sad and the leaves remind us of things we can do to help our wellbeing. Each class has been given a miniature rose plant. We finished the assembly looking at ideas to help our wellbeing.

Safeguarding

Our safeguarding policies have been updated for the new year, currently they are in draft form but will be uploaded once they have been ratified. If you have any concerns around any aspect of safeguarding, please contact the school via safeguarding@charmouth.dorset.sch , this email address is monitored by Laura Cornish, who is the Designated Safeguarding Lead, and Caroline Dare, who is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Emails and Social Media

We are aware that some emails do not appear to be getting through to all parents. We are working with our providers to ensure that this is resolved fully. In the meantime, we will highlight any key information on the closed school facebook group to help ensure that information gets to parents. All parents are welcome to join our Charmouth Primary School - Closed Group and all members of the community can follow our main Charmouth Primary School facebook page and twitter account.



Plan on a Page

Our consultation on our plan on a page is still open and all parents, families members and members of the local community are welcome to respond.

The draft 'Plan on a Page' can be read [here](#), it sets out our goal, our vision and our values. These are then linked to our objectives for the next 3 to 5 years and the key actions we need to take in order to achieve them.

Please [click this link](#) to tell us what you think about our 'Plan on a Page'.