Summer Term 2021 – First Half

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| Week Beginning 24th May 2021 |
| **Everyone Active Week**  What a wonderful week we have had! Unsurprisingly, the children have been absolutely amazing;   They have tried new activities, such as Lawn Bowls and Extreme Frisbee   * They have challenged themselves, like by going higher up the wall than they thought they could, * They have supported and encouraged each other, like encouraging their peers to take another step up the wall, praising and celebrating the success of their friends * They have worked independently, collaboratively and as part of a team * They have had lots of fun!    Thank you to Paralympian David Hill working with YST, Lee Cuff, Rockburn, John Smith, Charmouth Lawn Bowls, Ally Franklin, Joe and Tom  We have had lovely feedback from some of the people who have worked with the children this week, including John Smith who did some athletics with the children in the rain and said that, ‘They were a pleasure to coach. Everybody had a go and did their best. They are a credit to the school.’   A big thank you to all staff who have helped ensure that the activities have gone smoothly, ensured children have been supported through the very different timetable, worked flexibly to make the timetables work and even had a go! A special thank you to Mr Glover and Miss Morton who liaised with the different people, clubs and organisations to ensure the children had a great range of activities this week.   Here are just a few photos of our great week |
| **Safety Online**:Keeping our children safe online is a very important issue for both school and at home. There is a new Internet Watch Foundation campaign to help parents have conversations with their children about keeping their ‘door’ closed to child sexual abusers. The campaign includes a booklet for parents, explaining the risks, explaining why children are vulnerable and suggests steps that parents can used using the mnemic: TALK  TALK to your child about online sexual abuse. Start the conversation and listen to their concerns.  AGREE ground rules about the way you use technology as a family.  LEARN about the platforms and apps your child loves. Take an interest in their online life.  KNOW how to use tools, apps and settings that can help to keep your child safe online.  Further information on the campaign can be found here <https://talk.iwf.org.uk/>  Our Online Safety page has links to various websites to support parents to learn and know about the top apps and platforms used by children. |
| **Trips and Visits Summer 2**  We are delighted to say that we have managed to arrange the following trips and visits next half term. Please check your emails for information about the activities for your child’s class (we are waiting for confirmation on transport for a couple, so it may come during the week after half term).   Thursday 10th June: Navigators Portland Sailing Trip  Wednesday 16th June: Pathfinders Beach School  Monday 21st June: Year 5 Hooke Court  Tuesday 22nd June: Year 6 Hooke Court  Tuesday 22nd June: School visit from Axe Valley Wildlife Park to Explorers  Wednesday 23rd June: Navigators Thompson Beach School  Thursday 24th June: Adventurers Abbotsbury Sub Tropical Gardens Trip  Friday 25th June: Navigators Coleman Beach School  Wednesday 30th June: Pathfinders Axe Valley Wildlife Park Trip  Wednesday 30th June: Adventurers Beach School  Wednesday 7th July: Explorers Beach School   We are still hoping that guidance for schools will be updated allowing us to plan activities in school to include parents. |
| **Year 6 Leavers and Transition to Secondary School**  Mrs Cornish and Mrs Dare met with Year 6 last week to ask them what they most want to be able to do as our Year 6 Leavers this year. They particularly wanted to have some opportunities to be Year 6 only, have cake and treats (as previous Year 6 have had at the end of SATs week) and to do a Leavers Assembly. We have managed to get some opportunities this week for the Year 6 cohort to challenge themselves as a single cohort and have arranged the Hooke Court visit so Year 5 and Year 6 visit separately; they will also have time as a year 6 on Wednesday afternoons when the Year 5s will be swimming. During next half term we will arrange some assessments and will mark the end of these with cakes and treats as they have requested. We are not sure how their assembly will work (ie whether we will be able to have parents on site) but there will be some form of assembly which they will plan and organise.  We are working with the 4 secondary schools our Year 6s are moving onto to help ensure a planned and smooth transition. Woodroffe are continuing to plan their transition day on Thursday 24th June. |
| **Swimming**  From Wednesday 9th June for six weeks, children in year 5 will be swimming at Bridport Leisure Centre. Helpers are needed each week, so please do let us know if you can help for any of the sessions. Children will need their swimming costume, towel and (if possible) goggles. |
| Week Beginning 17th May 2021 |
| **Learning this week:**  **Explorers**: In Explorers this week we have been incredibly busy! Wednesday afternoon was our beach school, in keeping with our theme ‘If you go down to the woods......’ we made sick men and built them homes/dens/castles on the beach. We had fabulous weather and saw some amazing kites as well. In the classroom we have been practicing our phonics sounds, building dens, making rafts and using lots of different materials to help with learning subtraction. The bricks were a particular favourite!  **Adventurers**:This week in Adventurers Class we have been focusing on the difference between the Stone, Bronze and Iron Age and looking at the lifestyles the people would have had from those times. In literacy this week, we have learned the key components of a biography and constructed our own biographies on the famous Thomas Edison.  **Navigators Coleman**:We have been going with gusto on our topic of Location, Location, Location with this week focusing on Charmouth through the ages. We have studied photos and maps dating as far back as 1926 to see how Charmouth has changed and why those changes were needed. We were very excited to hear there was a zoo on Lower Sea Lane! Also in Topic, we have looked at the change of the school site and have made great use of primary sources, not only photos and maps but also first-hand accounts from our staff who were at the school at the time! In English, we are continuing to work on our selling skills, this week gearing up to sell the school and we continue to develop our key skills in Maths with our mixed questions in early morning work to cover any lockdown gaps- we are making good progress. But the highlight of the week has to be our orienteering and map reading around the school- what fun we had running to beat the other teams to be first to find all the locations! A big thank you to Mrs Whatmore who resourced and set up the activity. Mrs Dare. |
| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | E**verybody Active Week**: Next week we will be holding Everybody Active Week.  We hope the children will enjoy the different activities which have been arranged.  Two of the activities require leaving the school grounds, for this we need your permission.  Pease can all parents/guardians provide permission through SIMSPAY.  If you have any difficulty with this then please make contact with the school office.  On Wednesday afternoon we are also looking for some parent helpers to escort the children to the Charmouth playing fields.  Please ensure the children have their water bottles every day, sun cream and wearing their PE kit. | **School Trips:** We are in the process of arranging and organising school trips for next half term. Letters will be sent as soon as possible, sometimes later than we would prefer due to changing guidance and the challenge of getting a suitable day for the school, the visit location and transport.  Those who previously paid towards the year 5/6 residential (last year), will be receiving refunds. This should be complete by half term for all those who paid via SIMS Pay; other payment methods may take a little longer. | **Year 6 Transitio**n: On Monday Kim Heffernan will be visiting the children in Y6 who are moving on onto Woodroffe.  She will chat with small groups of children and also with their class teachers. We are in the process of arranging transition opportunities with the other schools our children will be moving on to. | |
| Some pictures from **Explorers Beach School** on Wednesday: |
| Earlier this year Navigators Class were invited to take part in a local competition to design the new Mary Anning statue - to be displayed in Lyme Regis.  The Marine Theatre are opening their doors on Saturday to show case the developments so far and offer awards to the winner - Elisabeth from Year 5 and also Molly who was a runner up.  If you are interested to learn more they will be accepting visitors between 11am - 2pm, I have been told there will be coffee and doughnuts available! |
| **Upcoming dates**  Monday 24th May - Everyone active week  Monday 31st May - Half term week  Monday 7th June - Inset Day  Thursday 10th June - Navigators sailing  Wednesday 16th June - Pathfinders Beach School  Wednesday 23rd June - Nav Thompson Beach School  Thursday 24th June – Year 6 taster day at Woodroffe School  Friday 25th June - Nav Coleman Beach School  Wednesday 30th June - Adventures Beach School  Wednesday 7th July - Explorers Beach School  Friday 23rd July - Inset Day |
| **Celebration Assembly**  In our celebration assembly, we particularly celebrated the following members of the school community:  Daisy, Jude, Jessica, Hugo, Joshua, Willow, Fox, Matthew, George H, Chloe and Noah  **Times Tables Rockstars**: Joshua, Eowen, Leia, Megan, Edward, Charlotte, Harry T, Arran, Georgia and Charlie R  **Reading Eggs Awards**:  Fox  **Doodle Champions**: Bailey, Lulu, Iona, Edward, Lucy R, Elodie, Leia and Teagan |
| Week Beginning 3rd May 2021 |
| **Learning this term:**  **Explorers**:This week we have been looking at the different types and uses of wood and where wood comes from.  We looked at trees around the school and can now name the parts of a tree. We have also started planting flowers for our new garden!  We loved looking at the giant map in the hall and even found some of our houses!  The minis have also been ordering numerals to 10 and then finding the right amount of bricks to match. Great teamwork! *Mr Mitchel, Mrs McDonald and Miss Bourne*  **Pathfinders**: This week in Pathfinders we have been continuing to look at our Theme of Never Eat Shredded Wheat. This week we have been learning about Oceans and Continents and then creating our own Fantasy Islands naming and creating the physical and human made features of their Island.  In RE, we have been looking at the Jewish relationship with God and the Ten Commandments, ready to make our own Mezuzah on Monday including our own Ten Commandments. Mr Glover  **Navigators Thompson**: In Thompson’s this week we have been learning how to read OS maps. We have a good understanding of the symbols used and locating places using four digit grid references.  We are finding out how estate agents try to persuade people to buy houses and have used The same strategies to dissuade buyers. Rounders is going well and we have been making sure we are all ‘on the ball’. *Mrs Hopson* |
| **Celebration Assembly**  In our celebration assembly, we particularly celebrated the following members of the school community:  Elin, George, Hugo, Ayesha, Daisy, Pheobe, Marry Teagan, Charlie and Explorers Class  **Times Tables Rockstars**: Leia, Lola, Megan, Xanthe, Evie, Daisy, Phoebe, Matilda, Rosie and Ethan  **Reading Eggs Awards**:  Izzy  **Doodle Champions**: Leia, Iona, Lucy R, Bailey, Frank, Charlie R and Alexis  **Celebration Assembly**  In our celebration assembly, we particularly celebrated the following members of the school community:  Max, Simon, Fox, Jasmine, George D, Ella, Dolly, Keavy, Edward and Adventurers Class  **Times Tables Rockstars**: Mega, Anna, Arran, Leia, Hugo, Issy, Rosie, Luca, Jessica, Isla, Charlotte,  Molly K, Harry, Felix, Ewan, Ivan, Alexis, Archie and Ethan  **Doodle Champions**: Leia, Isla, Evie, Bailey, Molly and Teagan |
| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Parent Governor**  We are currently looking for a parent governor to join our governing body. If you are interested or would like to know more, please get in touch for a conversation. Our governors have a key role in supporting and challenging the school to ensure the best for our children. This week, a governor has been involved in talking to children about their learning, another has discussed EYFS and two have attended a meeting looking at data across the school and the action and impact as a result of our ongoing assessments. | **Long term strategic vision for the school**  As part of our work to ensure that we are the very best version of Charmouth Primary School, we are starting to review our long term vision for the school. We will soon be consulting with parents and families for your views to help inform our planning. Look out for more information! | **Mental Health Week**  This week is Mental Health Week so we talked about how we can stay healthy overall during our assembly this week. We shared ideas about how to look after our mental health including exercising, eating well, getting enough sleep, spending time with friends and family, talking about how we feel and spending time in nature. | |
| **Covid Updates**  While there are significant updates to the general guidance in regards to the Covid response, the guidance for schools has changed very little. We continue to review our risk assessment regularly and are reflecting on how the routines that are in place throughout the school have and are impacting on our children. |
| **Learning this term:**  **Explorers**: This week we have been investigating and exploring the uses of wood and where wood comes from. We went on a wood hunt around our classroom before heading out around the rest of the school. We were amazed at how many things are made from wood.  The minis have also been ordering numerals to 10 and then finding the right amount of bricks to match. Great teamwork! Mr Mitchell, Mrs MacDonald and Miss Bourne  **Pathfinders**: Poor Mr Glover hasn’t been feeling very well this week, but Mrs Farmer and Mrs Cornish have been making sure that they stay on track with their fantastic learning. Year 1 has been doing some great work in maths to understand two digit numbers, while Year 2 children have been focussing on fractions. In topic, the children have been learning about the four countries of the United Kingdom ready to move onto finding out more about the World’s continents and oceans. Mrs Cornish and Mrs Farmer  **Adventurers**: This week we have had a new focus on the Stone Age. We have looked at the clothing and the food they would have eaten, creating an appetising menu for a cave man along with a new outfit for the occasion. On top of this, the children have composed their own warning story and developed their own idea and characters to be part of their writing.  **Navigators Thompson**: This week in Thompson we have been creating our own endings to ‘The Veiwer’: a wonderful book which has kept us guessing for the last two weeks. We have had a walk around Charmouth to help us to draw our own maps and have enjoyed improving our grilling and batting skills in rounders.  **Navigators Coleman**: As well as our two hours of PE a week, Navigators have daily active time each morning. This is us doing races. |
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| **Headteacher special mention**: Kitty T – I was delighted to read Kitty’s fabulous writing with her. She really thought about her word choices and how to engage the reader. Great job! |
| Thank you to **B and Q** in Chard and **Tesco's** in Axminster for their generous donations of seeds, compost, watering cans and gardening gloves.  We look forward to seeing what Explorers Class can grow. |
| **Upcoming dates**  Monday 31st May - Half term week  Monday 7th May - Inset Day  Thursday 24th June – Year 6 taster day at Woodroffe School  Friday 23rd July - Inset Day |
| **Number Day**  Throughout the school we have had lots of fun with maths today. Here are just a few photos of what we have been up to. |
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Following on from our excellent basketball sessions, we will be honing our skills in rounders and on Wednesdays we will improve our athletic abilities.  Finally, we will be finishing off half term with an active week, so look out for more details about this nearer the time. - Mrs Hopson and Mr Jacobs  **Navigators Coleman**: Hello from Coleman Class! We have begun with a bang and are finishing our super Space topic Mission Control in the next few weeks, looking at the first lunar landing and recapping our learning throughout the unit. Then we will be moving on to a local area study called Location, Location, Location where we will be studying how the village has changed over time, including the coastline. We will be learning more about mapping, combining getting out exploring the village and creating our own maps. Finally, we will be finishing off half term with an active week so look out for more details about that nearer the time. Homework has re-started and will be set on Fridays. The children will be set activities via Teams which will include a comprehension on Reading Eggspress, a Maths activity linked to learning in class as well as the expectation to continue to practice basic skills on Times Table Rock Stars. In addition, children are expected to read at least four times a week as well as practice their spelling patterns from the learning in class. (Spellings will be posted on Teams) If you have any questions or concerns, do get in contact wither via Teams, the school or class email accounts. The children have already settled back in brilliantly and we look forward to continuing our learning together this half term. - Mrs Dare  **Adventurers**: We welcome all of the children back into Adventurers class and look forward to a prosperous half term with some great learning taking place. Initially, we will be finishing our Lightning Speed thematic unit, where we have been learning about the technology we use every day, how emails and other communication types are transferred and how to create simple circuits, while adding everyday household items to see if they are conductors or insulators of electricity. Following that we will spend the next 3 weeks looking at the history with a particular focus on the book “Ug!”. “Ug!” is a thematic unit, based on the sequence of Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages, with a key focus on history, we will be looking at what life was like then and comparing similarities and differences over the three consecutive periods. On the last week, we will hold an “Everybody Active Week”, where the children will attempt new sports and challenges that promote a physical, healthy active lifestyle.  We will also have Beach School on the Wednesday 12th May, so if there are any willing volunteers that would be available to assist with that it would be greatly appreciated. - Mr Cracknell  **Pathfinders**: Welcome back after what I am sure was a chocolate fuelled start to the holidays- if your house is anything like mine, I am sure you are still working your way through the amount of chocolate the Easter Bunny left!  This term we have some exciting themes to explore as part of our Dimensions curriculum. We will be finishing our theme of Inter Nation Media Station- looking at how we communicate through broadcasting and sending messages throughout history over the first two weeks back, aiming to complete this by Friday 30th April. We will then have a three-week unit looking at Geography and PSHE through a theme of Never Eat Shredded Wheat; there is a clue as to what we might be looking at in the title! And to finish off this term we will have Everybody Active Week, for which more information will follow in due course. - Mr Glover  **Explorers:**Keep an eye on Tapestry for updates.  **Home Learning in key stage 1 and 2**: Homework has re-started and will be set on Fridays via Teams. Tasks will include a Reading Eggs or Reading Eggspress, a Doodle Maths activity linked to learning in class, as well as the expectation that they will practice basic skills on Times Table Rock Stars. In addition, children are expected to read at least four times a week as well as practice their spelling patterns, taken from the learning in class. (Spellings will be posted on Teams) If you have any questions or concerns, do get in contact whether via Teams, the school or class email accounts. The children have already settled back in brilliantly and we look forward to continuing our learning together this half term.  **School Trips**  We are exploring the possibility of some school trips later this term. This may include travelling on a coach, which would have additional covid measures in place. Before we book any trips, your feedback would be really helpful. Please complete the short survey using the link on the email with the newsfeed reminder. |  |  |  | | --- | |  |      |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Everyone Active Week**  We are planning an Everyone Active Week before half term. Our focus for the week will be on encouraging engagement in active opportunities. We would really like to introduce the children to as many local opportunities as we can - can you help? If your child attends a local club or activity which may be interested in carrying out some taster sessions in school during the week beginning 17th May, please get them to contact the school office. We hope that we can not only inspire the children to get involved in local active opportunities but also support local clubs and organisations who have not been able to run fully through the pandemic. | **Uniform:** A quick reminder that school uniform is;   * Grey or black trousers, shorts, skirt or dress * White polo shirt * Royal blue jumper or cardigan   We have relaxed the policy on footwear as part of our drive to be active; all children may wear trainers (preferably dark coloured) to school every day.  **PE uniform**   * Navy or black shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms * White polo shirt * Royal blue jumper or cardigan | **Keeping Children Safe On Popular Apps and Sites**   We are aware that many children use some key apps and websites at home. As parents, it can be hard to keep track of the different apps and the dangers they may pose. The Police Digital Security Centre (PDSC) is a not-for-profit organisation, owned by the police, and with ChildsafeVPN has created a set of useful infographics about cyber-safety aspects of the main apps and sites that young people may come across. You can download the posters here: <https://www.policedsc.com/security-advice/safeguarding> This link is also being added to our online safety page (add link) where there are further sources of information and advice to support us all in keeping our children safe online. | | **Beach School**  We were delighted to return to our beach school sessions this week, with Pathfinders visiting the beach on the first rainy day we seem to have had in weeks! Thankfully the weather stayed dry for the afternoon and the children had a wonderful time - ‘The best beach school ever’ was mentioned! | **Longer hair** (eg shoulder length or longer) should be tied up to help ensure that hair is not distracting and to also discourage ‘visitors’.  **Jewelry** should not be worn, with the exception of a watch and stud earrings.  **Make up**, including nail varnish, should not be worn to school. | **Number Day**  We will be taking part in Number Day next Friday. Across the school, we will be taking part in extra fun and active maths lessons as well as taking part in a Times Table Rock Star challenge through the week. Children may come to school in nonuniform (number theme optional) for a suggested donation of £1. The money raised will be split between the NSPCC and buying additional practical resources to support active learning in maths. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  |  |  | | --- | | **Celebration Assembly**  In our celebration assembly, we particularly celebrated the following members of the school community:  Billy, Eddie J, Brandon, Hector, Frank, Jasper, Riley, Alfred, Jess, Emily, Anna and Tabby  **Times Tables Rockstars**: Keavy, Bailey, Jess,Charlotte and Iona  **Reading Eggs Awards**:  **Doodle Champions**: Charlie, Bailey and Lucy |  |  | | --- | | Week Beginning 19th April 2021 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Beach School:** We will be resuming Beach school this term.  Please see the dates your children will be taking part.  Please note the children will not need a change of clothes for this.  Any parent help will be greatly appreciated with out enough responsible adults it is not possible to run beach school.  This term, the sessions will run from **12.40 – 2.40**:   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Wednesday 5th Ma**y** | **Navigators – Thompson** | | Friday 7th May | **Navigators – Coleman** | | Wednesday 12th May | **Adventurers** | | Wednesday 19th May | **Explorers** | | Wednesday 16th June | **Pathfinders** | | Wednesday 23rd June | **Navigators - Thompson** | | Friday 25th June | **Navigators – Coleman** | | Wednesday 30th June | **Adventurers** | | Wednesday 7th July | **Explorers** | | |