



Seaton Primary School

"Caring now, for the future of our community, those in need, our lifestyles, one another, our education and the future itself"

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a great half term and have enjoyed your first week back learning, whether that's in school or joining us online.

As I am sure you have heard, schools are due to open to all pupils from Monday 8th March and we look forward to welcoming all pupils back to Seaton Primary on this date. I will send out further details next week in a separate parent mail regarding specific arrangements, but the staggered start and end times will continue as before and both the front and bottom field gates will be open.

We look forward to welcoming back ALL pupils.

For further information around the government's announcement, please see the following:

[What parents need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during COVID-19 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/what-parents-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-19)

MUSIC LESSONS

We are pleased to announce that as well as welcoming all children back, the music lessons will be returning too.

Tim from Westcountry Music will be continuing with music lessons from **Wednesday March 10th**. Please email wscsm@btinternet.com or phone - **07740 117227** for further information.

Louise Elliott will be teaching piano and singing from **Friday 12th March**. For further information please email elliottlouise@hotmail.co.uk or phone - **07400 159032**



LEARNING IS FUN

What has been happening this week?

In EYSFS we have been exploring the story of Jack and The Beanstalk. We have explored synonyms for "Big" to make our sentences about the giant more exciting.



Key Stage 1:

This week we have been exploring our new topic 'The Great Outdoors'. We are very excited about spring approaching and have been getting outdoors and searching for physical signs of spring. Some of the things we have noticed already are daffodils, lighter evenings and warmer weather!

Key Stage 2:

Year 3 became Body Detectives in their science lesson both in school and at home this week. The children explored whether various statements about the human body were fact or fiction - "your arm span is the same as your height" and "your height is 5 times the length of your thigh" were a couple of ones that were investigated. The results were mixed - depending on the accuracy of the measurements. The children then drew around their bodies and had a go at drawing the locations of their organs and bones.



Year 4 began the week by researching and comparing Seaton with St Lucia and Sicily. The children worked really well together using the new re-vamped laptops. In maths we have been recapping on fractions knowledge from Year 3 and will be moving up a gear next week when we begin to look at equivalent fractions. The new magnetic fractions we recently ordered have been a welcome resource and will be used well over the next couple of weeks.

Year 5 have been enjoying another week of online and classroom learning. We started a new writing unit retelling a short story about an attack on the Great Wall of China- it is full of suspense! In maths, we've continued to practise using fractions and building our arithmetic skills and speed. We also enjoyed exploring ancient China using our map and compass skills to record the different sights on our journey. In science, we have started to explore space, looking at evidence for and against the idea of a spherical or flat earth. The children continue to show excellent enthusiasm and curiosity. Well done Year 5!

In **Year 6** we have been exploring texts linked to spies and espionage! We have been raising questions, making inferences and designing spy gadgets which we will be persuading spies to purchase. In Maths, we have been calculating the area and perimeter of rectilinear shapes and exploring shapes with the same area and perimeter. We have also been undertaking a virtual school trip using online tours and images to explore the seven wonders of the world. The children have been choosing from a range of maths, art and humanities activities and will continue with this into next week. In PE, we have been focusing on improving our accuracy when throwing, using a range of balls, as well as developing tactics to outwit our opponents. We are very excited by the news that we will be welcoming all of the Y6 children back into school soon.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to Aileen from the **SAVE food hub** who has organised the **£250** donation from the Harepath Road Co-op in Seaton. This will be put towards creating a whole school reading and wellbeing garden located next to the library.

We would also like to thank them for their wonderful donation of hot cross buns this week. These were thoroughly enjoyed by all of the children and a real treat.



A huge thank you to the PTA for funding all of the brand-new phonics resource books which will be used to deliver a new and exciting systematic phonics programme across Reception and Key Stage 1 from September.

SCIENCE WEEK

Seaton Primary will be holding our Science week from **Monday 29th March**, with the theme of New Beginnings.

I have been in contact with various organisations, such as Axe Valley Wildlife and Wild East Devon and we are in the process of putting together some plans.

If you have any contacts or ideas for activities relating to nature, plants and growing, the environment and/ or animals, please let me know!

I am aiming to fill the week with as many exciting and practical activities as possible.

Many thanks,
Miss Broom



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Children in **Reception, Year 1** and **Year 2** do receive universal free school meals. However, you may be entitled to **income related free school meals**.

Income related free school meals means that your child could receive free school meals throughout their primary school education. This is a mutually beneficial service for both the school and your child and is handled completely confidentially. Due to the current situation it has become apparent that more families are entitled to this. If you think that you may be eligible please do apply. When you receive notification that you are entitled please notify the school office to let us know that you have been successful with your application.

Please follow the link below-

[Citizen Portal - Sign in \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/citizen-portal)

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you need any help at all when applying.



Thursday 4th March 2021 is WORLD BOOK DAY!

We invite all pupils at home and at school to get dressed up as their favourite book character for the day. We will have lots of fun activities planned to celebrate reading so watch this space. We can't wait to see your creativity!

GOODBYE

And finally...a fond farewell to **Mrs Caroline French**

Today we said goodbye and celebrated the 5 years that Mrs French has given to the children at Seaton Primary school working as a Teaching Assistant.

"To Mrs French I remember when I struggled in maths and you took me and my friend out with you. I just want to say thank you, good luck and we will all miss you". - **Erin**

"When we were drawing train tracks and I couldn't do it you helped me." - **Taylor**

"When it was break and you were doing the daily mile, me Taylor and Riley joined you". – **Lily**

"Mrs French helped me in the relay at sports day". - **Phoebe**

"I remember the art lessons we did in Year 5 and Mrs French was showing us her amazing artwork". - **Emma**

I know I speak on behalf of all the staff and children when I say that Mrs French will be greatly missed and we all wish her well and every happiness for the future.

Nic George

Headteacher

Stop press... W.B.22ND MARCH Online PARENTS EVENING- more details to follow

