



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,

As we come to the end of another busy week at Seaton, I wanted to take the opportunity to share with you the five core values that underpin our teaching and learning and support the personal, social and emotional development of each of our pupils. These are:

Be kind

Be responsible

Be respectful

Be truthful

Be the best you can be!

We have been exploring our school values in PSHE lessons across the school and each class now has a 'Values Board'. Staff will be looking out for children who go over and above to uphold our school values throughout the day so that their names can be added to the classroom boards. Please support us at school by praising your children for using our values at home too.

Wishing you all a wonderful bank holiday weekend,

Mrs Hodkinson

House Teams

We have relaunched our house teams in preparation for Seaton's 'Sports Day' later on in the summer term (when hopefully restrictions will have been eased.) The children have all been placed into one of the following teams: Ruby, Topaz, Emerald and Sapphire and all children will get the opportunity to earn points for their teams as they compete in a circuit of different events. Ask your child which team they are in!



WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

RECEPTION

We have had a busy week at school this week learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and are eagerly awaiting the arrival of some caterpillars for us to look after and to watch grow and change. The children are all very excited about seeing what the butterflies will look like when they emerge from their chrysalis. We have also been exploring teen numbers and how these are all made with one Numicon 10 piece.

KS1

This week in KS1 we have continued to explore the events of the sinking of the Titanic. We have learnt about the class systems in place at the time and have compared how life was in first class compared with third class. In English we have been ordering events into chronological order to prepare for writing biographies this half term. We have been working on addition and subtraction in Maths and are consolidating written and non-written methods. In Science we have described materials and the properties that they have and why certain materials are used. In PSHE we have been learning about healthy lifestyles and have been thinking about sleep and developing a bedtime routine.

YEAR 3

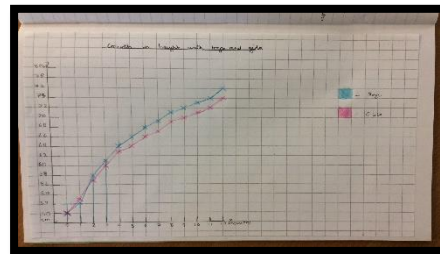
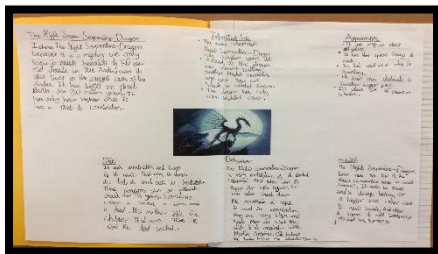
This week Year 3 have started learning about plants. We looked at the key parts of a plant, completed observational drawings of plants in our school grounds and then planted our own seeds, which we will be watching grow and change over the next few weeks. In our history topic, we began our explorer expedition by visiting the temple of Thebes. Here we discovered an artefact showing how Ancient Egyptians lived. We researched in books to infer what the picture represented as well as using our knowledge of what we already know and recognised why the river Nile was an essential part of Ancient Egyptians way of life. We have been focusing on our school values this week and it has been great to see children showing kindness to each other, responsibility and working hard to be the best they can be. Keep it up Year 3!

YEAR 4

Year 4 have been busy exploring 'A Rainforest Rough Guide' in English this week. We've looked at some sleepy sloths and how they are sadly critically endangered due to deforestation. We are working hard on improving our writing using word mats and checklists. Our own classroom sloths are safely hanging around in our classrooms, safe from any harm!

YEAR 5

This week, we have been continuing to explore sentence structures in English, looking at relative clauses to add lots of extra information about our dragons; this has helped us plan out our dragon report in lots of detail. We have revisited using estimating and the inverse operations to check addition and subtraction questions, whilst applying these skills to problem solving. The children have noticed that these skills are really useful in everyday life, and we have encouraged them to play the 'How much?' game at the checkout in Tesco. We explored representing scientific data as line graphs, looking at how babies grow during the first 12 months. In Geography, the children navigated OS maps, trying to work out the major rivers of East Devon and the towns and villages they pass through. We continue to be impressed with their focus, effort and engagement in class. Keep it up!



YEAR 6

In Y6 this week, we have been looking at case studies of celebrities who have overcome adversities and how having a growth mindset has allowed them to succeed. We are trying to imitate similar attitudes and positivity within our learning and lives to ensure we are fulfilling our Seaton School Value of being the best we can. In Science, we have been conducting experiments to find out what the result of increasing the voltage within a circuit is and recording our results in a table. Within our Real PE lesson, we were developing our cognitive skills with a very complicated warm up, which made us all laugh at times! In History, we were exploring medieval justice

through the story of Robin Hood. We also announced head boy and girl for the summer term as well as the exciting news that we are going on a residential trip! Overall, another great week!

School Development

This week all teachers have completed writing training led by Babcock LDP. Mrs Hodkinson has completed Level 3 Safeguarding training and is now a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. Miss Mabin has completed Early Years Framework training.

Mrs Hodkinson has also been busy meeting with all of the teachers to carry out our termly pupil progress meetings.

PSHE:

Just a reminder that over the next term, your children will be receiving RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) lessons within PSHE. This is statutory and therefore children cannot be excused as everything we cover falls under the Science curriculum and PSHE/Health & Relationships statutory guidance. We follow a scheme of learning called the 'Christopher Winter Project' and if you wish to find out more, please go to our school website (<https://seatonprimary.org.uk/information/pshe/>) to view our policies and overview planning. If you have any concerns please contact the office FAO Miss Crockett (PSHE lead)



TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS AND NUMBOTS

As a school we subscribe to Times Table Rockstars and Numbots which are online learning platforms that enable practise and consolidation of essential basic number facts in a fun and engaging way. Every child in the school has a personal login. Please encourage your children to play on the games as a positive use of screen time each week. Contact your child's teacher if you would like their login sent out again.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the very kind parent that donated the Grow light Box. The reception team were delighted with this and will be making full use of it.

A big thank you also to Tasha Morgan- (our Community Champion at Seaton Tesco) for the very kind donation of children's clothes. Your generosity is fully appreciated.

FOOTBALL GOAL POSTS- Message from Miss Crockett

The football club have left lots of spare parts for goals. If any parents would like to make use of these parts, you can help yourselves to anything before I skip it at the end of next week. **It is beside the sheds...between the sheds and the KS2 adventure playground.**

PTA



Please select Seaton Primary PTA as your chosen charity on Amazon Smile and Easy Fundraising, as well as for the current period of the local Co-op funding scheme. This form of fundraising will form a key aspect of our strategy for the foreseeable future and it would be fantastic to have as many people contributing as possible.

Are you missing out on extra funding for your child?

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 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 family as this enables the school to receive extra funding which can go towards pupils learning. Pupil premium means that your child would also be entitled to receive help with money off school trips, school uniform and any paid clubs, as well as receiving free school meals. Further information regarding Pupil Premium and Free School Meals can be found on our school website. Please be assured this 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 please contact the school office to let us know that you have been successful with your application.

Please follow the link below-

[Citizen Portal - Sign in \(devon.gov.uk\)](http://devon.gov.uk) Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you need any help at all when applying.

A FEW REMINDERS:

As the weather is starting to warm and the sun continues to shine, it is important that your child is wearing sun cream and also brings a sun hat to school. Staying hydrated is also important - please continue to send your child to school with their bottle of water. As we know, the weather can be a little unpredictable, so it's always a good option for your child to still bring a coat to school.

SCHOOL DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES

Start /End of the Day Timings

Families arrive and are dismissed according to their eldest pupil. All parents may enter and leave via the **front or field gate**. These timings for arrival and departure of pupils:

Families with eldest child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2	Families with eldest child in Year 3 or 4	Families with eldest child in Year 5 or 6
Arrival: From 8:40am until 8:45am	Arrival: From 8:45am until 8:50am	Arrival: From 8:50am until 8:55am
Departure: 3:10pm	Departure: 3:15pm	Departure: 3:20pm

Only one parent to accompany their children into school. Parents are asked to **arrive and depart promptly** at the correct times.

ONE WAY SYSTEM

Please ensure to follow the **one-way system** around the school building when dropping off or collecting your child. If parents are dropping off children or picking up from the bottom field, please do continue to follow the one-way system.

ABSENCES

If your child is going to absent for a period of time, or will need time off school for a reason other than illness- such as a family holiday or personal reason, can we please ask parents to **contact the office first** to make us aware of the absence and the reason. Parents need to fill in a green Absence Request form (which are available in the office foyer) and return it to the office. This is then passed to the Headteacher so they are aware and the is



absence authorised/ unauthorised accordingly. It is very important that absences are recorded in the correct way for our records.

Thank you for your support with this.

SICKNESS

Please remember that if your child has been sick or had diarrhoea- they must not attend school and need to be 48 hours clear from the last episode.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Tuesday 4th May 2021 @ 6pm– Year 6 Residential Meeting on Zoom.

Tuesday 25th May 2021 (Provisional date) Woodroffe Transition Day – Woodroffe teachers to visit Seaton.

Have a lovely long weekend. We look forward to welcoming the children back into school on **Tuesday 4th May**.

kind regards,

Mrs Lacey

Acting Headteacher

