



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,

Headteacher Appointment

After two gruelling days of selection activities, involving interviews with pupils and governors, meetings with staff and time in classrooms getting to know how the school works, we are delighted to announce that Miss Jenna McCaffery will be joining us in January 2022 as the new Headteacher of Seaton School.

She demonstrated that she has the skills, knowledge, expertise and passion to take on this key role for our school and governors were unanimous in our choice. She joins us with successful headship experience from two previous schools.

Mrs Lacey will continue in the Headteacher role here until Miss McCaffery joins us in January, and to support a smooth transition, she will visit the school and spend time with staff, pupils and governors during the latter part of the autumn term.

We are delighted that Miss McCaffery will be our new headteacher and we look forward to working with her, for the benefit of all of our present and future pupils, in the years to come.

With best wishes,

Dr Fiona Hammans

Chair of Governors

Head Boy and Girl

We are very pleased to announce the results of our democratic vote for Head Boy and Head Girl 2021/22.

Head Girl: Mia N

Head Boy: Harry H

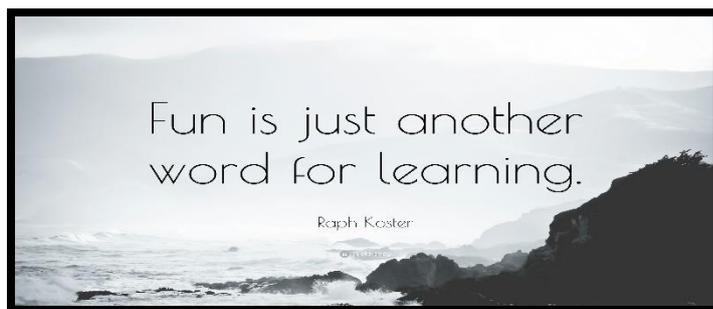
Deputy Head Girl: Evie F

Deputy Head Boy: Joe L



Class photos

On Friday 8th October Tempest Photography will be visiting school to take individual pupil photos.



Reception

Reception have had a very busy week, learning all about the School Values and being the 'best they can be'. The Teachers have finally finished the Baseline assessments with all the children and so we have been able to start our teaching.

Phonics has started and the Children are all enjoying the Read, Write inc programme. We have learnt the sounds – m, a, s, d, t and been able to say the sound, write the sound and hear it at the start of words. You might find that the children start spotting these sounds everywhere! Encourage this and challenge them to keep writing the sounds. In Maths this week we have been learning about matching and sorting and we have been sorting lots of different objects and socks (Clean we promise!).

Next week we will be reading 'The Colour Monster' and linking the text to our emotions. This will also help us think about starting School as we will compare how the children felt before they started and how they feel now. Well done to all the children for a great start to their learning.

Reminder: The vision screening will take place in School next Friday 8th October.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Geraghty and Miss Mabin

Key Stage One

The children in Key Stage One have been reading the story of The Disgusting Sandwich. We went outside and made our own disgusting sandwiches which included leaves, mud, slime and sand! We then wrote our own stories about disgusting pizzas. We have been learning about our local area and looking at maps of Seaton. The children are all very excited about our trip on the tram next week!

Year 3

This week in year 3 we have continued exploring the story Stone Age Boy. We have learnt the story using a story map and have written diary entries from the point of view of the main character. We have continued to find out more about prehistoric Britain in history lessons in preparation for our trip to Blackbury camp in a couple of weeks. In science lessons, we have recreated the processes of forming different types of rocks (sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous) using chocolate!

Year 4

Helped by a Minecraft video, which is available on the school YouTube channel, we have been learning a poem by Rudyard Kipling off by heart. A number of children have already successfully committed this to memory which is a great achievement. We have learned about Emperor Claudius who had an image problem and this could have been one of the reasons he decided to invade Britain. We continue to enjoy our swimming lessons and there has been great improvements shown already in just 3 weeks.

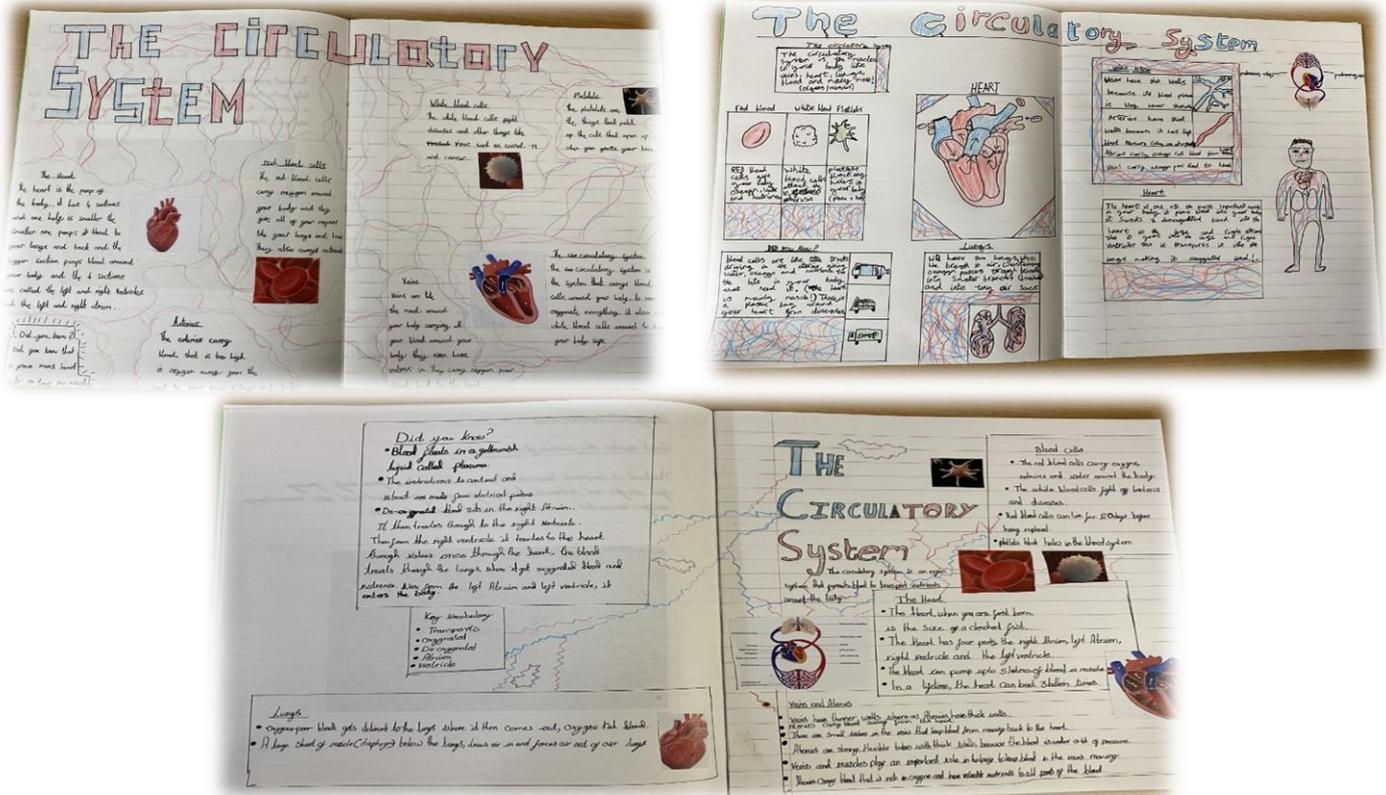
Year 5

Year 5 have had another busy week! We have continued to explore place value in maths, comparing and rounding up to 1,000,000. In English, we are a step closer to writing the next adventure for Gulliver; We have planned out his journey and started writing our first draft. In Science, we explored air resistance, challenging teams to make the most effective parachutes which we tested in the hall. We also designed our own 'throlf' course for the children to test their throwing skills in PE. We have continued to be impressed with how the children have shown a positive growth mindset, and settled into the Year 5 routines and expectations. Keep it up!



Year 6

Over the past two weeks, we have immersed ourselves in a range of learning across the curriculum. In English, we have been exploring a story called 'The Lost Thing' and will be creating our own lost thing with its own personality. We have finished off our place value unit in Maths and we are moving on to using the four operations. We have continued to improve our gymnastic skills using low and high apparatus creatively, which the children have loved. When investigating the circulatory system in Science, children had created double page spreads with the information they have collated. Finally, in Geography, the children have enjoyed using atlases and online technology to research the famous mountain ranges in the world.



PE:

A selected team of children from Y6 have been attending Colyton Grammar School to participate in a High 5s netball tournament. The children have played teams from various local schools and have been improving week upon week.



I have been overly impressed with their sportsmanship and teamwork and will keep you updated with the league outcomes.



Playleaders:

We are very pleased to appoint our playleaders for this year. Mrs Harris (from Colyton Grammar School) came into school last Tuesday and worked alongside Mrs Dyer to train these children in their new role. The children absolutely loved learning new games and how to organise and run these at lunchtimes. Mrs Harris was very impressed with their attitudes and behaviour and we look forward to seeing children enjoying their sessions on our playground over the coming weeks.



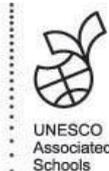
Key Stage 2 – Reading



As we begin a new year at Seaton, one of our primary aims is to continue to promote a love of reading and the discovery and enjoyment of a wide range of books. Reading improves all of a child's literacy skills and your support at home is a crucially important way to support their learning.

We ask that you as parents make time for reading with your child every day; 15 minutes if possible at Key Stage 1 and 20 minutes at Key Stage 2. This can take the form of listening to your child read their school book, one of our new challenge books or a favourite book from home. You can share the reading experience by taking turns to read or just snuggle up together and read to your child discussing things as you go. However, you do it, the benefits of reading can make a dramatic difference to your child's achievement.

Children in Key Stage 2 are also encouraged to complete an **Accelerated Reading** quiz once they have finished a book and these can be done at home too. By completing the quiz children can gain points and certificates throughout the year to celebrate the progress they are making. **Accelerated Reading** quizzes can be accessed through the school website by clicking on **Children's Zone** and then the **English** tab. Children have been made aware of their logins and passwords but please do not hesitate to contact either myself or the class teacher if you have any questions. Mrs Bateman



Numbots (Key Stage 1) and Times Table Rockstars (Key Stage 2)



Please encourage your children to log in and play Times Table Rockstars and Numbots to support the development of their number fluency. The school pays a subscription so that all children can log in and access these platforms. Has your child logged in to play this week yet?

From the Safeguarding Team

Safeguarding children's welfare is a primary responsibility of the Seaton School Community and in this capacity we work closely with partner agencies. One such partnership is with operation encompass.

Operation encompass is a registered charity set up in 2011 that links local police forces to schools in their area. Their goal is to ensure that a school receives a telephone call whenever the police have been called to an incident of domestic violence which has been witnessed by a child. An early call to the school and knowledge of the incident is vital in ensuring that children can receive support and understanding from their key adults in school and the help of other agencies can be sort at the earliest opportunity.

For more information on Operation Encompass and its vital work see: www.operationencompass.org

Mr Hunt – Designated Safeguarding Lead

Music Lessons

Music teacher- Louise Elliott is now offering flute lessons and has a spare flute that she is happy for your child to come along and try before signing up to lessons. If your child would be interested in learning the flute, please contact Louise on – **07400 159 032** or email – elliott@hotmail.co.uk

School meals

If your child is in Year 3, please remember that you will now need to pay for any school lunches they may have, meals are £2.50 each and need to be paid for using the parentmail system. Due to our parentmail system previously being down, we are now trying to update the dinners etc on all accounts as quickly as possible. We do appreciate your patience in the meantime.

If you think you may qualify for free school meals, please follow this link to apply online at:

[https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2f CCSCitizenPortal_live](https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2f%2fCCSCitizenPortal_live)

Children in Year F, 1 and 2 do not have to pay for their lunch, as it is part of the provision provided by a government initiative.

Reminders-

Secondary School Admissions

Secondary school applications are now being submitted. Please remember that you have **until 31st October** to do this.

If you would like some help or advice with the admissions process, please contact the school and we will guide you.



Uniform

Please can we remind parents to continue to name your child's uniform. There is an increasing amount being lost at school and this is such a shame as some items are new.

There is a lost property box in the office foyer, should you wish to check for missing items.

Coats

As the weather is becoming colder and slightly more unpredictable, please ensure your child brings a coat to school.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 6th October- KS2 Cross Country

Thursday 7th October- Key Stage One trip to Seaton Tramway

Friday 8th October- Individual pupil photos

Friday 8th October- Vision screening for all reception children

Monday 11th October- Year 3 trip to Blackbury Camp

Tuesday 12th October- PGL meeting 3:30pm- 6:00pm

Friday 22nd October- Non-pupil day

Monday 25th- 29th October- Half term

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

Mrs Lacey

Acting Headteacher

