



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,

It has been a busy half term back at school and we are all incredibly proud of how hard the children have worked. I cannot believe that half term is nearly upon us and would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely break with your families. We hope that the children return back to school feeling refreshed and look forward to hearing all about their half term adventures!

The clocks go back on 31st October!

Please also remember that Friday 22nd October is a non- pupil day.

Remembrance Sunday

After half term we will be selling poppies and other merchandise in school and will notify you of this nearer the time.

World Mental Health Day

Sunday 10th October was World Mental Health Day. We celebrated this in school by being mindful and having group discussions.

Black History Month

As a school we have been finding out about influential people who have changed history. Black History Month takes place every year in October across the world.

The month presents an opportunity for children and young people to learn more about Black history through lessons and assemblies

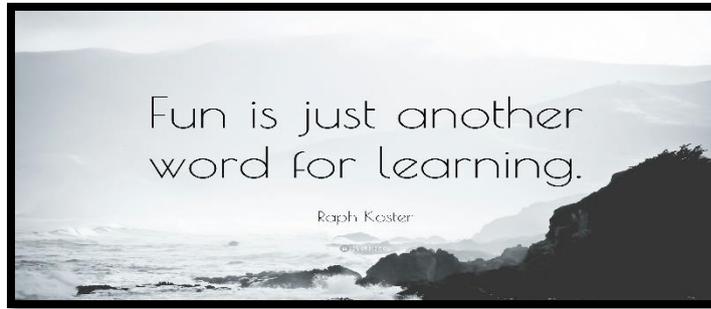
Spelling Shed

Help your child succeed at spelling by using Spelling Shed!

Spelling Shed is a useful online resource that ensures children are engaged and eager to practise their spellings regularly. The games can be played at home and in school. We encourage all children to login frequently at home to access the spelling assignments set by their class teachers. This is a really fun way to learn and access age-appropriate spellings.

You can find the login page at: www.edshed.com





Reception

In Reception this week we have been taking part in Black History week along with the rest of the school. We started the week by discussing what makes a good teacher and what jobs people would like to do when they grow up. We looked at pictures of educators and asked the children if they looked like good teachers. The children were very good at talking about how teachers are kind and helpful and told us that all of the people looked like good teachers, showing that they weren't judging them by their looks but by their smiles and actions! We finished the week by talking about Betty Campbell, the first female black head teacher in Wales. We showed her statue and talked about how she proved to everyone that we can all follow our dreams, even when people tell us we can't achieve. As one child said, "We should never listen to them, we should just do the job that we want to do!"

We have also been continuing with our Phonics, PE and maths lessons. In Phonics, we have learnt the sounds o, c, k and u. In Maths we have been learning to compare size of objects and the mass of objects and using the vocabulary of big, small, medium, larger, heavy, heavier, light and lighter. In PE we have been learning to use different gymnastic shapes and land safely off of benches when jumping.

We have had a lovely week and the children have been extremely responsible and kind to the covering teachers, Mrs Dyer (who helped in Miss Mabin's class) and Mrs Borge (teaching in Mrs Geraghty's class).

Key Stage one

KS1 have had another busy couple of weeks and all the children should be feeling very proud of their hard work and the progress they are making.

Our day on the tram was a fantastic experience for the children which included educational activities and a picnic lunch. The children produced some wonderful writing about their trip, and the staff at the Tramway were very impressed with their enthusiasm and behaviour throughout the day.

In science we are continuing to explore different classes of animals, their diets and their offspring. We are also reading a book in English all about the weather and in geography we are exploring our local area and developing our mapping skills.

A very busy half-term indeed!



Year 3

We have enjoyed a great trip to Blackbury Camp on Monday. It was a beautiful afternoon and it was amazing to see and imagine what an Iron Age settlement really would have been like. We baked Iron age fruit bread and oak cakes at school in the morning and ate them there at Blackbury Camp.

We have also been studying the inspirational Marcus Rashford as part of Black History Month. We have learnt all about his charity work for ending children's food poverty and have written letters and fact files all about him.

Year 4

We have been especially inspired by hearing and learning from Baroness Floella Benjamin of Beckenham. For Black History Month, we have listened to her story and how she learned to stop fighting and start smiling. Her loving and forgiving attitude gave Floella the opportunity, later in her life, to fulfil her dream of meeting the Queen. Baroness Benjamin now works in the House of Lords and speaks up strongly for children. We have also begun practising with the Jumbie Jams, steel pan musical instruments. They are good fun to play and make a lovely sound when we can all play together.

Year 5

Year 5 have had an exciting couple of weeks. In Science last week, we investigated water resistance and made boats, which we tested in the swimming pool; this week has seen us looking at materials and the impact of friction on a bike wheel. History led to some interesting conversations on censorship and propaganda, and we have started our new English unit 'For the Birds' which is based on a short animation.

Year 6

We have had a great fortnight of learning in Year 6. In English we have completed our independent write assessment pieces based inspired by 'The Lost Thing'. The children have worked hard to create and convey the personalities of their main characters in their writing. In Maths we have learnt to multiply 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers and solve problems involving multiplication. The children have journaled their favourite methods and evaluated which methods they would use to solve different calculations efficiently. We have now moved onto formal methods of division and the children are showing great resilience as they tackle challenging problems involving division. In Science we have been exploring the importance of leading a healthy lifestyle - so far, we have explored what constitutes a 'balanced diet' and identified the importance of exercise for both our physical and mental health. In PSHE we have been learning about Martin Luther King and writing poetry inspired by his famous 'I have a Dream Speech' linked to National Black History Month. During Art lessons the children have begun to plan and paint their local landscape portraits in the style of artist Georgia O Keefe.



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

Safe Guarding is the primary responsibility of all adults in the school community. It is also something that you as parents might have concerns over.

If you are worried about the safety of a child in Devon and want to speak to someone, or if you are a child worried about your own safety, please contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on [0345 155 1071](tel:03451551071) or email mashsecure@devon.gov.uk and give as much information as you can.

The **MASH** is the central resource for the whole of Devon, receiving all safeguarding and child protection enquiries. It is staffed with professionals from a range of agencies including police, health, mental health, education, social care, housing, probation, early years, youth offending, fire, and domestic abuse services.

Please remember that if a child is in danger of immediate harm call 999.

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=%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.

Parents evening

We have decided to hold parents' meetings on zoom, further information around this will be sent out after half term. In order for you to be able to view your child's work, we will be having an open classroom on **Thursday 2nd December**.

Further information regarding this will be sent out via Parentmail.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 22nd October– Non-pupil day

Monday 25th- 29th October- Half term

W/C 22nd November- Parents evening

Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th December - Foundation and KS1 Performance

Wednesday 8th December – School Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th December – KS2 Carol Service

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

Mrs Lacey

Acting Headteacher

