

Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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Message from the Headteacher

Can I thank you all so much for completing the survey regarding children returning to school. Your prompt responses were amazing.

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils who are returning to school

We are now in the process of using the information from the survey to assign children to the classes they will be working in for the next few weeks and will be sending parents an email next week with full information to help things run as smoothly as possible.

Key Worker child care—Years 2, 3, 4 and 5

We have spoken to all Key Worker parents of children in Years 2,3,4 and 5 and have noted down your requirements. We will be sending you an email next week confirming arrangements.

Children remaining at home after half term

Online learning will commence again on Monday, 1st June for any children not scheduled to return to school. Please contact the school office if you are experiencing any difficulties accessing this.

Wrap around care

All efforts are being made to open the school safely during the school day 8.30am to 3.30pm. At the moment we are not in a position to open breakfast club or after school care for our children. This is something we hope to provide in the future.

We are living in uncertain times and it is possible that our ability to deliver education may change as the result of influences such as staff shortages or changes to government guidance. Please be assured that if at any time we need to alert you to the need for change we will do so as quickly and clearly as we possibly can.

Teacher will be having a half term break next week so there will be no work set on Tapestry or Seesaw online learning platforms.

We hope you all have a well deserved break next week.

Thank you again for your wonderful support.

Fiona Pearce
Headteacher

Short Term Funding for Devon residents



Help is available for Devon residents struggling with their finances as a result of the corona virus pandemic. Devon County Council has allocated one million pounds in grant funding to support people who need short-term emergency assistance to afford basic living essentials.

Contact North Devon Council who are responsible for considering application and administering grants.

[DCC Financial Support](#)

Star of the Week

Foundation Stage and Key Stage One



Mrs Youll's nomination I have two stars of the week:

Chloe for learning to write her name and all her amazing handwriting practice.

Ronnie for his super counting and trying hard with writing his numbers.

Miss Cawthorne's nomination – I have two stars of the week:

Ellie has been working hard at home especially keeping up with her reading.

Olivia always works so hard at home especially with her writing and spelling.



Miss Boundy's nominations - I have two stars of the week:

Drift has done some amazing maths work this week and drew some lovely mini beast pictures. Well done Drift!

Reuben has been junk modelling some lovely mini beasts this week and has done some great maths work! Well done Reuben!

Mr Quilter's nomination

Theo is my star of the week. He has completed his maths showing improved confidence. He has also created some lovely written pieces; an area I know Theo finds a little trickier!

Well-done Theo you 'little legend'



Mrs Oldfield's nomination

Jamie has consistently impressed me with how hard he is working, but I am particularly impressed with the improvement in his writing. Writing is not Jamie's favourite thing to do but I can clearly see how very hard he is working on his spelling, handwriting and the amount of words he writes. Keep this up Jim-Jam you are a star x

Mrs Grimwood's/Mrs Huggins' nomination

Corey has worked hard every week, uploading completed work. The presentation of his work has improved so much. His handwriting is now lovely and clear and I know this is not Corey's favourite thing. He has given all the maths activities a really good go and I can see how he has grown in confidence over the weeks. Well done Corey, you are a shining example of how to keep on going!!





Star of the Week

Key Stage Two

Miss Gulliford's nomination



I am beaming with pride for Tyrese every week. As a child of key workers, Tyrese has shown immense courage and dedication to his work each and every day he has been in school. He is enthusiastic and is always on top of his learning. He uses the Seesaw platform to send in his work daily and loves to keep me updated with his videos from the hall! When he isn't in school learning he is at home putting all of his effort in to his work. He has shown hard work, an outstanding attitude towards his learning and still lets his infectious and lovely personality shine through. I am one very proud teacher.

Mrs Johnson's nomination

I have chosen Phineas as my star of the week because of the effort he has been making to continue his learning during lock-down. Phineas always makes sure he has presented his learning in a clear and neat way. He has been using his spare time to access extra learning tasks on BBC Bitesize that interest him, which he has shared with me on Seesaw. Phineas has maintained the same level of care and attention for his work that he always did in school and I have loved reading his writing tasks each week which are always full of rich and effective vocabulary. Keep up the amazing work Phineas - you are a true star!



Mr Whapham's nomination



Summer has been working really hard this week and putting in some great effort with her home learning. She is responding to her learning in a range of ways, including daily videos (which always start with a friendly Hello and a big smile!). I love seeing these daily videos of how Summer is getting on. I can tell Summer is thinking carefully about each task and completing the work to a consistently high standard. Keep up the hard work Summer, you are doing brilliantly!

Miss Squire's nomination

My star this week is Freya. I have been really impressed by Freya's hard work and resilience - even when she has found tasks a challenge, she has completed them to the best of her ability and has pro-actively responded to feedback and sought support when needed. Well done Freya, you are a superstar learner!



Mrs Rana's/Mrs Lowrey's nominations



Alfie has been working really hard in school over the last few weeks. His mature attitude has impressed his teachers and he has been a huge support to the younger children and adults in school. Alfie is always friendly, polite and keen to learn and this makes him wonderful to teach.

Mrs Harding's nomination

Mitchell has shown a very high level of commitment and effort in his home learning over many weeks. Well done Mitchell and keep working hard!!



Mr Lewis' nomination



Violet has produced some fantastic pieces of work on Seesaw, but the poetry she has produced this week has been brilliant. Keep it up the great effort!

Mr Ovey's PE at home ideas

Here are a few ideas of fitness/PE activity websites/activities from Mr Ovey that you might like to check out.



[Joe Wicks Kids Fitness](#)— Joe Wicks hosts live PE lessons over YouTube for children at home during the coronavirus outbreak. The classes are specifically designed for all children, from little kids up to secondary school age, although adults can join in as well if they like.



[#ThisIsPE](#) is one of the resources recommended by the Department for Education to support teachers and parents to deliver physical education during the coronavirus lockdown. A new lesson will be added at 1pm on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.



[Cosmic Kids Yoga](#). Cosmic Kids Yoga is yoga for kids like you've never seen before. Jaime's aim is to bring yoga and mindfulness to kids all over the world.



[GoNoodle get active at home](#). GoNoodle's goal has always been to help kids be more active while doing the things they love.

Climb the Ladder

Home Physical Education

How to play:

- Place 3 targets on the floor in a line, 1m away from each other.
- Using a small object can you throw the object and hit the first target.
- When you have hit the first target, only then can you move onto the next target.
- How many throws does it take to hit all 3 targets?
- If you are playing against a partner, the first player to hit all 3 targets is the winner.

Can you be honest and only hit target 2 when you've hit target 1?

Can you keep trying even if you miss the target?

Top Tips

Throwing Underarm
Step forwards with one foot, releasing the ball from low to high using your opposite hand.

Let's Reflect

What did you learn after each throw to adapt for the next?

How did you keep focused?

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60 Second Challenge

Bean Bag Throw

Can you focus, concentrating on the target?

The Physical Challenge

How many times can you throw a beanbag into a hoop in 60 seconds?

Stand 3 large steps away from the hoop. You need to collect the beanbag and return to the throwing line once thrown.

#StayHomeStayActive

Equipment

A beanbag and a hoop

If you do not have a beanbag or a hoop, why not use a pair of socks and a washing basket instead!

Achieve Gold 30 Throws

Achieve Silver 25 Throws

Achieve Bronze 20 Throws

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Active Learning

Times Table Squats

Number
Multiplication and division

How to Play:

- With a partner or in a small group decide on a focus times table.
- Take it in turns to squat and shout out the correct multiples in order e.g. for 5 times table; 5, 10, 15, 20, etc.
- Challenge yourself to go as high as you can go with your times tables while squatting as low as you can go.
- Maybe one player could squat and call the sum and the other player squats and calls out the answers.

5x4 = 20

Key Vocabulary

Multiple

A number that can be divided by another number a certain number of times without a remainder.

Gold Star
Call out the times table in a random order

Silver Star
Call out the times table backwards

Bronze Star
Complete a times table of your choice in order

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Something to share? What have you been doing?

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Ronnie made a split pin tiger.



Evalyn's painted animals.



Ayden made a frog hat.



Evie has made a spider and web



Reuben with his amazing mini beasts!

This week Mrs Oldfield's class has been focussing on division in maths, this is not something we have covered in year 1 yet, I have been blown away with how creative the children have been and had some wonderful photos to show all the imaginative ways they have been learning this week.



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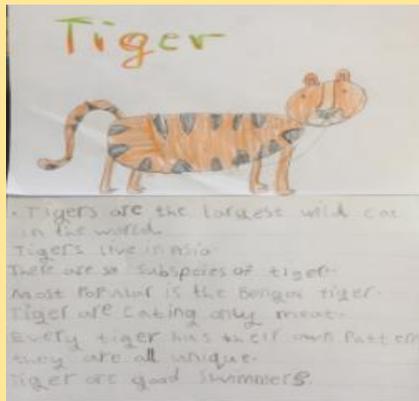
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Matilda made a wormery

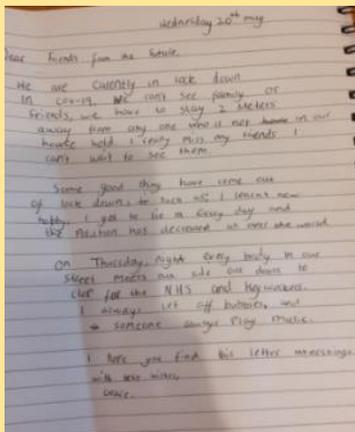


Our story this week is The Tiger Who Came to Tea, Archie drew this wonderful picture to go along side his recap of the story—love it!

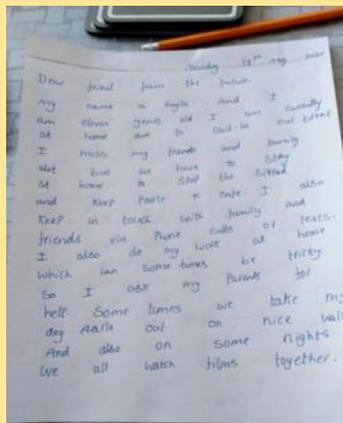


One of the tasks the children have been asked to complete for English this week was to create a tiger fact file, here are a couple of beautiful examples of work.

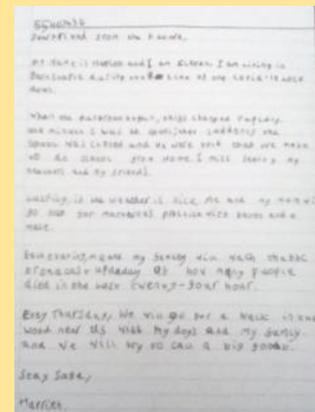
Year 5 and 6 have been writing letters describing the current situation which can be buried and dug up by someone in the future.



Grace



Tayla



Harriet

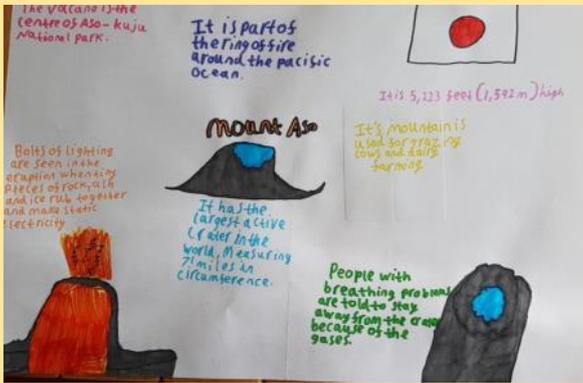
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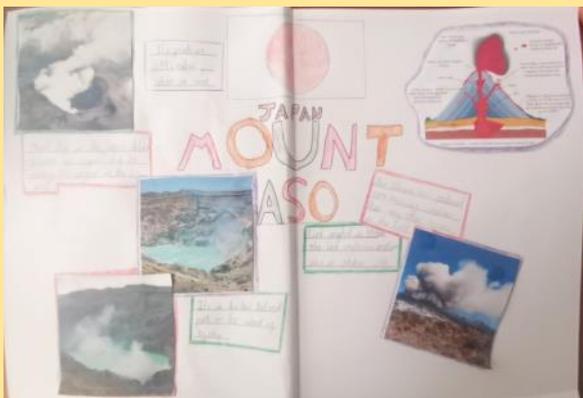
This week in Years 3/4 we have continued to find out about Japan, including facts like its capital city is Tokyo, it is in the continent of Asia, and it is in the Northern Hemisphere.



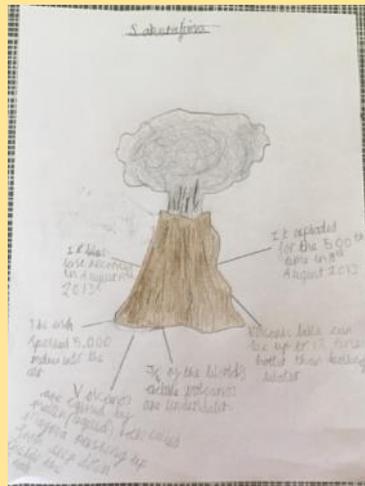
Kaleb's volcano fact file



Ruby's volcano poster



Chloe-Rose fact file on volcanoes



Florence's volcano



Leo's volcano

As part of Years 3 and 4 work on the Iron Man this week, the children have designed menus that the Iron Man would love to chomp on! Heidi created a very impressive looking poster menu. Would you like to try nut and bolt spaghetti followed by sugared bite-size bolts? How about the 'lawnmower surprise'? We think the Iron Man would be very pleased indeed with these treats!



Boots pharmacies offering safe spaces for victims of domestic abuse

[Boots chemists are offering safe spaces](#) within their pharmacies for victims of domestic abuse.



Anyone needing help can ask staff at the counter to use the consultation room, where they will be able to contact local services for help and advice. It's been launched by charity, Hestia, following an increase in calls to domestic violence helplines, since lockdown.

Devon's regional domestic violence and abuse support charity, Splitz, saw a 62 per cent rise in the number of reports to them during April.

If you need help, call Victim Support on 0300 303 0554. Lines are open 12pm-6pm Monday to Friday.

If you need support outside of these times, call Support Line for free on 08 08 16 89 111. You can now also access Victim Support's free live chat for 24/7 support.

In an emergency always call 999.

World Wildlife Fund

Educational activities to enjoy from home



The WWF are providing engaging ways for you to connect with nature and learn more about our amazing planet. Their themed weeks include live events via their dedicated Facebook group, an opportunity to participate in fun and insightful webinars with WWF experts, and links to their popular educational materials. If you have missed some you can revisit and access all contents as and when you need to.

From Monday, 18th May they will be focussing on Biodiversity. They will be investigating how biodiversity supports everything in nature that we need to survive.

[Learn to Love Nature—Biodiversity](#)



Through First Aid Champions children will meet six characters as they use their first aid skills to help others. You can watch films and take part in activities to learn and practise first aid skills.

You will also learn about kindness, how to cope and keep calm, and how to keep yourself safe. Followed by tips on sharing what you have learned with others. Now learn about the British Red Cross and meet the characters by clicking the link below.



[First Aid Champions—Primary](#)

