

Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been another exciting and busy week at school, with lots of wonderful opportunities for our children to learn, develop new skills and celebrate their achievements!

Some of our Key Stage 2 children took part in the Stephen Shields Cross Country event. Well done to everyone involved! We are incredibly proud of our children for their enthusiasm, determination and sportsmanship. Taking part in events like these is a fantastic way to challenge ourselves, build confidence and support one another. A big thank you to Holly Luscombe for giving up her time to help and support our children at the event. Your support is greatly appreciated!

We were also delighted to welcome Katy Vallance, our Early Years Consultant, who visited to look at our new provision following our School-Based Nursery Grant. Katy was very impressed with the provision we have developed, which is wonderful news!

A huge thank you to South West Fixings for kindly donating wood for our Reception class. This generous donation will help us to enhance our learning opportunities and provide the children with exciting resources to explore, create and develop their skills through hands-on learning. We really appreciate your support and generosity!

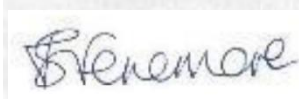
Looking ahead to next week, we are excited to be hosting our Tag Rugby event for local schools. It promises to be a fantastic opportunity for children to come together, enjoy some friendly competition and demonstrate teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship. Thank you to Mr Walter for organising this event and helping to make it happen.

A reminder for our Year 6 families: the deadline for applying for a secondary school place is approaching. Please make sure you complete your application before the closing date to avoid missing out.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for being such an important part of our school community.

We hope you all have a lovely, restful weekend!

Kind regards,



Mrs V Fenemore

Diary dates

Upcoming week

Week beginning: 19.10.26

Weekly deadlines	- Lunch deadline – midnight the day before - All sorts – 3pm Sunday before <i>(call admin to make short notice changes)</i> - Early birds – 3pm Sunday before <i>(call admin to make short notice changes)</i> - Bus changes – 2.30pm to email each day, phone after this time. - Gate opens 08.45-08.55 each day. Email admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk to make changes.
Monday	- Year 4, Year 5 PE kit - Running club (12.00-12.30pm) with Mr Craker, Mr Walter & Mr Slocombe (Years 3-6)
Tuesday	- Year 1, Year 6 PE kit - Parents' evenings
Wednesday	- Owls, Year 2, Year 4 PE kit - Y5/6 Tag rugby event at Winkleigh – those involved have received letters
Thursday	- Year 1, Year 4, Year 6 PE kit - Woodland Robins Toddler & Baby Group (9.00-10.30am) - Parents' evenings
Friday	- Owls, Year 2, Year 3, Year 5 PE kit - Family breakfast & open morning - Final day of half term – school reopens 2nd November

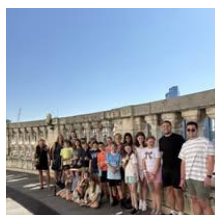
Saturday 7th November

9.30am-12noon

Visit Winkleigh Primary School!

What we offer:

- High quality, engaging learning environments
- Ofsted 'Strong Standard' in all areas of Under 2's provision
- Nurturing provision
- Tailored and adaptive teaching
- Broad and ambitious curriculum
- Extensive enrichment opportunities through trips, visitors, residential.
- A strong sense of belonging and community
- Places available for children aged 0-11 years





Second hand uniform shop



Pre-loved uniform shop

Has your child outgrown their uniform? Donate it to our uniform shop!

We welcome any clean, good-quality school branded jumpers, cardigans, PE hoodies and book bags.

Please drop any donations in to school.

Uniform shop prices:

Please contact the Admin Team to arrange collection and payment.

Teal school jumper	£3.00
Teal school cardigan	£3.00
Navy PE hoodie	£4.00
Book bag	£2.00

All monies raised will support our ongoing school fundraising.



Stephen Shield Cross Country event



Class news

Nursery – Hedgehogs, Foxcubs & Squirrels – Mrs Stapley

This week, the children have enjoyed exploring the traditional tale 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' We listened carefully to the story, joined in with familiar phrases and talked about the characters, setting and sequence of events. The children had fun using different voices for Goldilocks and the bears, comparing sizes and using words such as big, medium-sized, small, hot, cold and just right!

Inspired by the story, we made our own porridge. The children helped to measure, pour and mix the ingredients, developing their early mathematical skills and learning how food changes as it cooks.

Once the porridge was ready, everyone had the opportunity to taste it and describe its texture, smell and flavour and considered whether our porridge was too hot, too cold or just right!

We have also been celebrating the beauty of autumn by creating autumnal crowns. The children explored seasonal colours and natural materials, including leaves, twigs and other autumn treasures. They selected and arranged their decorations, strengthening fine motor skills and expressing their creativity.

Through this week's activities, the children have been:

- Retelling a familiar story and learning new vocabulary
 - Comparing objects by size
- Measuring, pouring, stirring and observing change
- Exploring their senses through tasting and describing food
 - Developing creativity and fine motor control
 - Noticing seasonal changes in the natural world

Maybe over the weekend ask your child to tell you the story of Goldilocks and the three bears!



Have a wonderful weekend,

The Nursery Team



Class news

Owls (Reception) – Mrs Betts

What a wonderful week of learning, moving, and sharing we have had! This week, our learning centred around the beautiful story of The Rainbow Fish, focusing heavily on the values of friendship and sharing, and what it means to be a good friend.

The children chose a special friend who made them feel happy or cared for and they created a lovely friendship bracelet to gift to them.

The children also designed their own unique, fish scale which we have combined to create our very own giant, collaborative Rainbow Fish.

This week was all about numbers 1, 2, and 3. We have been practicing a vital skill called perceptual subitising. This is the ability to instantly look at a small group of items and know the amount without having to count them one by one.

If you would like to continue the learning at home this weekend, you can try:

- Subitising Spy: Roll a dice or hold up 1, 2, or 3 fingers. See if your child can tell you the number instantly without counting them!
- Acts of Kindness: Ask your child to share one thing they did this week to make a friend feel special.

Thank you for your continued support! Have a lovely weekend.



Class news

Year 1 – Mrs Roberts & Miss Jones

Year 1 has had another lovely week!

In English, we've been reading *Mister Magnolia* by Quentin Blake. The children designed boots and suits, built bridges and wrote wonderful descriptive sentences about their creations.

In maths, we've explored addition using practical resources to understand how parts combine to make a whole. We've found related addition facts and explored number bonds within 10.

In science, we've investigated material properties and discussed why certain materials suit particular objects.

In RE, we read the Bible parable *The Lost Son* and explored what Christians believe it teaches about forgiveness.

In PE, we've created and performed simple gymnastics sequences, linking travelling movements, balances, jumps and rolls.

In computing, we've explored different technologies and practised keyboard skills on the iPads. The children enjoyed typing sentences about themselves and their interests, then changing the colour of their text.

Have a lovely weekend, everyone!



Year 2 – Miss Sobey

Year 2 have been enjoying getting to know our new book, *Stuck* by Oliver Jeffers! We have laughed out loud at the ridiculous things Floyd throws into the tree to get his kite back, including a curious whale and a big orangutan! We have created our own story maps, acted out the story and explored the exciting adverbs and tenses Oliver Jeffers uses to make his writing so exaggerated and entertaining.

In maths, we have been learning new ways to add numbers together, including making 10 first before adding the rest and adding three ones at a time. Using our book *How Many Legs?*, we enjoyed adding the legs of a pigs, a duck and a boy to discover there were eight legs in the room at the party!

In our foundation subjects, we have been practising rolls and leaps in gymnastics, sketching facial features inspired by Picasso in art, and discussing what makes a kind friend in PSHE. We have been thinking about how we can show kindness to others, something we are lucky to see so much of in our classroom!



Class news

Year 3 – Mr Craker

Another busy week in year 3! In English, we have started our new sequence on An interview with a tiger, where we have been designing our own devices to speak to animals and asking them questions in an interview style.

In Maths, we have continued our addition and subtraction sequence by using column addition and subtraction to work out the answer to a question.

In Geography, we have been looking at where volcanoes are in the world and the difference in characteristics between shield and composite volcanoes. In music, we have continued to learn our song by clapping our hand and stomping our feet to the rhythm. We have also created our own art gallery using our Frida Kahlo inspired artwork.

Everyone has worked so hard this as we continue to rise to every expectation. Have a lovely weekend!



Year 4 – Mr Walter

This week, Year 4 have immersed themselves in a variety of poems from our learning sequence, Poetry Pie by Roger McGough. We have been developing our understanding of the hidden meanings within poems and practising how to perform poetry confidently and expressively aloud.

In Maths, we have been using a range of methods to solve column addition and subtraction calculations, including problems that require one or multiple exchanges. Our topic focus on rainforests has inspired some fantastic newspaper reports, with children demonstrating their understanding of the many threats facing these important habitats.

In Science, we planned an investigation into the evaporation rates of water and will be measuring and recording our results over the coming days. Meanwhile, in Art, we have been designing our own poppies and are looking forward to sewing them together next week.

Have a lovely weekend!



Class news

Year 5 – Mr North

It has been another busy week of learning! In English, we have begun exploring *The Sea* by James Reeves, thinking about the language and imagery used in the poem. In Maths, we have developed our understanding of multiplication and subtraction. In Geography, we have continued learning about mountains and how they are formed. In Art, we have finished our clay tiles and begun evaluating our designs. In Science, we have explored how to separate materials using a variety of tools.

During PSHE, we have continued learning about relationships and discussed how intonation can affect the way we interpret text messages. In PE, we have continued developing our skills in basketball and tag rugby, focusing on teamwork, communication and coordination. Well done to everyone for their hard work and enthusiasm this week!



Year 6 – Miss McLean

Year 6 have started a new sequence in English this week based on the book *Talking Turkeys* by Benjamin Zephaniah. The children have explored the structure of his poem *Talking Turkeys* to write on of their own humorous poems with similar patterns.

In maths, we have learnt about the order of operations using the acronym BIDMAS. The children have shown great resilience in using our working wall for support this week when needed. We have also practiced mental and efficient calculations linking to known facts.

In art, the children have been making their fabric collages which look fantastic using a range of sewing skills and techniques.

Finally, well done to the children who took part in the Stephen Shield running event this week.

We look forward to hearing how you got on!

Have a wonderful weekend!

