

## Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

Another week has flown by, and there has been lots of exciting learning and wonderful experiences taking place across school. Year 3 had a wonderful trip to Exeter Cathedral this week. They enjoyed a fascinating guided tour, where they listened carefully, learned lots of interesting facts and asked some really thoughtful questions. They then enjoyed a well-earned lunch at Pizza Express!

Mr Slocombe, Mr Craker, Mrs Phillips and I were incredibly proud of the children throughout the day, particularly of their excellent behaviour on the train. They represented our school brilliantly and were a real credit to themselves.

A special thank you must also go to Grace and Albert, who accompanied the children in their roles as our Year 6 Art Ambassadors. They were a real credit to themselves, showing such maturity, kindness and care towards our younger children. Their support helped make the day even more special. Thank you, Grace and Albert!

Year 1 enjoyed a lovely walk into the village this week, including a visit to the post office. They were excited to be out and about in our local community and enjoyed putting their learning into practice. As always, they were wonderfully behaved and represented the school beautifully. It was lovely to see them being so polite, sensible and enthusiastic during their visit.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated cakes and supported the Year 2 cake sale today. We really appreciate your generosity and support. The children were very excited to see all the delicious treats arrive, and your contributions helped make the afternoon a great success.

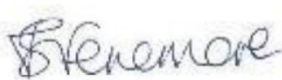
Thank you also to everyone who has booked for our Sunday Lunch. We are delighted to be serving over 30 Sunday lunches. We really appreciate yours, and the village's continued support of our school events.

As always, thank you to our wonderful children, staff, families and wider school community for making another busy week such a positive one.

Have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to another exciting week ahead!

Kind regards,

Mrs V Fenemore



# Diary dates

## Upcoming week

Week beginning: 05.10.26

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| Weekly deadlines | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lunch deadline – midnight the day before</li> <li>All sorts – <b>3pm Sunday</b> before <i>(call admin to make short notice changes)</i></li> <li>Early birds – <b>3pm Sunday</b> before <i>(call admin to make short notice changes)</i></li> <li>Bus changes – 2.30pm to email each day, phone after this time.</li> <li>Gate opens 08.45-08.55 each day.</li> </ul> <p>Email <a href="mailto:admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk">admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk</a> to make changes.</p> |
| Monday           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 4, Year 5 PE kit</li> <li>Running club (12.00-12.30pm) with Mr Craker, Mr Walter &amp; Mr Slocombe (Years 3-6)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Tuesday          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 1, Year 6 PE kit</li> <li>Ukulele club (3.30-4.30pm) with Miss McLean (Years 3-6)</li> <li>Gardening club (3.30-4.30pm) with Mr Walter (Years 2-6)</li> <li>Owls Quince Honey Farm Trip</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Wednesday        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Owls, Year 2, Year 4 PE kit</li> <li>Craft club (3.30-4.30pm) with Mrs Stapley (Years 1-3)</li> <li>Year 4 Eden Project Trip</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Thursday         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 1, Year 4, Year 6 PE kit</li> <li>Woodland Robins Toddler &amp; Baby Group (9.00-10.30am)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Friday           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Owls, Year 2, Year 3, Year 5 PE kit</li> <li>Harvest Service – 2pm – All Saints Church (R-Y6)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

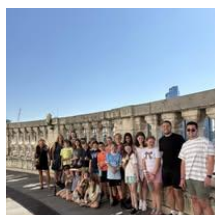
## Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November

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.*

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| <b>Teal school jumper</b>   | £3.00 |
| <b>Teal school cardigan</b> | £3.00 |
| <b>Navy PE hoodie</b>       | £4.00 |
| <b>Book bag</b>             | £2.00 |

All monies raised will support our ongoing school fundraising.



# Year 3 Exeter

Year 3 had a fantastic day in Exeter on Wednesday! We learnt more about the cathedral and its history, as well as enjoying a delicious pizza for lunch! The train was also an absolute highlight! Well done to Albert and Grace, our expressive arts ambassadors who accompanied us on the trip too!



# Class news

## Nursery – Hedgehogs, Foxcubs & Squirrels – Mrs Stapley

What a lovely week we have had in the nursery! The children have been doing a fantastic job of securing our daily routines and are becoming increasingly confident with knowing what happens throughout the day. It has been wonderful to see them settling into the rhythm of nursery life, becoming more independent and enjoying their time together. We have been exploring trees and the changes we can see around us, getting creative with tree inspired activities and sharing our ideas and observations. The children have particularly enjoyed being outside and making the most of the unseasonably warm weather, with lots of opportunities to run, explore and play together.

We have also been learning some new songs and rhymes, and it has been lovely to hear the children joining in, developing their confidence and beginning to remember familiar words and actions.

(Below is just one of the songs we have been singing)

Celebrating Home Learning

At our nursery we value the important role families play in supporting children's learning and development. We love hearing about the wonderful achievements children make at home. If your child has had a special achievement such as learning a new skill, showing kindness, or trying something new please share it with us. Celebrating these moments together helps us build a fuller picture of each child's development.

A gentle reminder, please make sure your child arrives each day with everything they need for their care, including plenty of spare clothes, nappies, baby wipes and nappy bags.

Have a wonderful weekend,

The Nursery Team



### Tree song (Row, row, row your boat)

Tree, tree, tree so tall,  
Standing in the ground,  
Branches reaching to the sky,  
Leaves are all around.



Roots, roots, roots below,  
Hidden out of sight,  
Growing strong and growing tall,  
What a lovely sight!



# Class news

## Owls (Reception) – Mrs Betts

This week, our Reception children have been diving into creativity, story-telling, and thinking about the people who matter most to them!

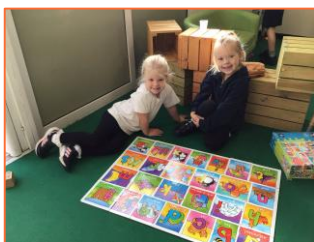
In phonics, the children have learnt g, o, c, k this week and they are brilliant at remembering all the sounds that they have learnt so far! They have been given their first tricky word "is", so it has been our password for everything this week!

In drawing club we put our fine motor and illustration skills to work in our Elmer Drawing Club. The children loved recreating everyone's favourite patchwork elephant. They also upcycled some milk bottles into their very own Elmer.

The children have also been reflecting on their own lives and have been discussing who the special people are in their families and lives who care for them.

The children have been practising their chopping skills for a Friday pizza treat.

Have a super weekend.



# Class news

## Year 1 – Mrs Roberts & Miss Jones

Year 1 began the week with a brand-new Curious Quest based on The Everywhere Bear by Julia Donaldson. The children loved the story and discussing the places Bear visited. Everywhere Bear has already chosen a child to go home with and will choose someone new every Monday. Look out for your chance to share your adventures with him.

In maths, we continued comparing numbers using the vocabulary 'greater than', 'less than' and 'fewer'. We also ordered numbers from greatest to smallest, using a number line to help us. In geography, we talked about our addresses and practised writing them on our envelopes. We enjoyed our walk through Winkleigh, noticing local landmarks and discussing the route we took, putting our geography vocabulary into practice.

In art, we brought together everything we have learned about outdoor sculptures, including spirals, circles, walls and paths. Inspired by the work of Andy Goldsworthy, the children used natural materials to create their own sculptures.

In PSHE, we explored different feelings, including happiness and sadness, and discussed situations that might make us feel unsafe. The children shared thoughtful ideas about how our faces and bodies can show different emotions.

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



## Year 2 – Miss Sobey

This week in Year 2, we have continued our English learning with No Bot, the Robot with No Bottom. We have had our first go at shared writing, working together to share our ideas and create our own versions of the story. The children have been very creative, imagining robots losing all sorts of different parts, including arms, legs and even heads!

In Maths, we have been finishing our place value topic. We have explored and compared numbers, discussing whether numbers are greater than or less than each other. We have also begun learning to count in 3s.

Elsewhere, we have been learning about barcodes in Computing. We worked together to identify different barcodes and scan them to find out the prices of items. In Art, we have continued learning about Picasso and have been exploring how he used oil pastels to create colourful and unusual artwork.

It has been another busy and exciting week in Year 2!



# Class news

## Year 3 – Mr Craker

What an exciting week we have had in Year 3! We have continued our English sequence based on Lord of the Forest and have been developing our understanding of the characters and events in the story.

In Maths, we have started our new sequence on addition and subtraction. We have been using our knowledge of place value to help us with our counting.

We also had a fantastic trip to Exeter Cathedral and Pizza Express! The children were incredibly excited and thoroughly enjoyed exploring the cathedral and learning about its history. We then had a wonderful time at Pizza Express, where the children loved their pizza. It was a brilliant day, and we were so proud of how well the children behaved and represented our school.

What an amazing week we have had! I am really impressed with the effort shown by all of you.



## Year 4 – Mr Walter

It has been another exciting and productive week in Year 4! In English, we have been planning a persuasive letter to demonstrate our understanding of the rainforest and the importance of protecting it. The children have explored a range of persuasive devices and are looking forward to sharing their learning next week during our visit to the Eden Project, where they will become rainforest rangers for the day.

In Maths, we have completed our place value unit and begun our new sequence on addition and subtraction. We have been discussing the different ways these operations can be represented in questions and using number sentences to show our understanding.

In Geography, we identified the different layers of the rainforest and explored the unique animals that live within each one. In Science, we conducted an investigation into changing states of matter, focusing on how substances solidify using ice.

Finally, in PE, we have developed our defending skills in both football and tag rugby, showing excellent teamwork and determination throughout the lessons.

Well done, Year 4, have a great weekend!



# Class news

## Year 5 – Mr North

It has been another busy and exciting week of learning! In English, we have continued our understanding of poetry through *The Lost Words*, exploring vocabulary and how poets create vivid images. In Maths, we have begun our work on addition and subtraction, developing our understanding of different methods. In Science, we enjoyed a brilliant practical investigation exploring which materials dissolve, making predictions and discussing our findings. In

Geography, we have been learning how to use an atlas and used our new skills to identify different mountain ranges around the world. In PE, we have continued developing our skills in basketball and tag rugby, focusing on teamwork and using our skills effectively in games. Finally, in PSHE, we have explored what makes a healthy or unhealthy relationship, discussing the importance of kindness, respect, trust and communication. Well done to everyone for another fantastic week of learning!



## Year 6 – Miss McLean

Year 6 have been working on their shared writing in English this week, following the structure of *Beowulf* to write a monster versus hero narrative. We have worked on building suspense using a range of techniques such as the rule of 3, short sentences and expanded noun phrases. Next week, the children will be writing their own story based on the creature they created on our hook day last week.

In maths, we have been focusing on prime, square and cube numbers. The children have learnt some helpful strategies to find out if a number is a multiple of 3 or 6. Next week, we will spend some time recapping long multiplication and begin to learn about long division.

In art this week, the children created a mood board to show the patterns, colours and shapes that they will use in their fabric collage and also spent some time practicing the running stitch and back stitch.

Finally, well done to the art ambassadors who accompanied Year 3 on their trip to Exeter this week; they were great role models to their younger peers!

Have a great weekend!



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**Thursday 15th October 2026 at 9am**

**at Winkleigh Primary School**

Please fill a bin bag (or bags!) with your items and leave under the covered area by the school doors, on the morning of the **15th October at 9am**. (Items may be left after school the day before)

Men's, ladies and children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, hats, bags, scarves, ties, bras, jewellery, socks and belts are all accepted.

NO duvets, blankets, NO pillows or cushions, carpets, rugs or mats, NO soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing, NO school uniforms with or without logos, NO corporate clothing or workwear, NO textile cut offs or materials, NO soft toys, NO furniture or large items and NO batteries please.

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