



Newsletter

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Welcome Back

I hope that you have all managed to have a restful and enjoyable Christmas break with your families. We may only be a few days into the spring term but the children are already engrossed in their new project, 'The Victorians'. This term our learning takes a strong historical focus and you will see the children's knowledge and skills building as they progress through the school. Our youngest children in Red Class will be following the same theme, looking at toys old and new.

We continue to need your support with keeping all children safe in our community, this includes dropping off and collection times. Please do your bit to support all of the children arriving and leaving safely to school. This is everyone's responsibility.

We Can!

- Shut both car parks at 8:30am so that the only traffic entering the school site is for the drop off point.
- Have a member of staff at the drop off point each morning to welcome your child.
- Only allow blue badge holders to park in the disabled bays.
- Politely ask parents to park elsewhere when on school grounds.

You Can!

- Drop off your children using the 'drop off point'
- Walk to school where possible or park a little further away.
- Avoid double yellow lines and parking opposite the school entrance.
- Do not reverse into the school entrance, use the one way system provided.
- Keep to the speed limit of 5 miles per hour.
- Be polite to staff, they are trying to keep your children safe.





Red Class



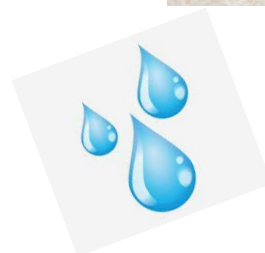
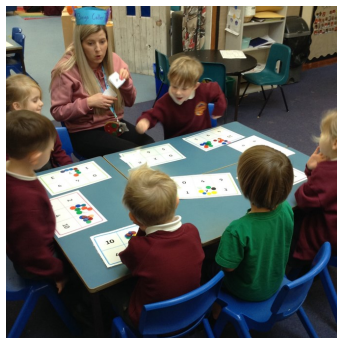
Welcome back, after what I hope was a lovely Christmas break for you all.

We have had a lovely week settling back into our school routines and sharing our memories from our Christmas. Everyone had a turn sharing stories from their adventures, whether home or away and the children showed off their phonics skills by writing their own recounts.



This week we have been learning to represent numerals 1-4, placing them in the correct order and matching numerals to a quantity.

Some children even learnt to play the game, bingo!



Red Class started their swimming lessons this week and what a fantastic time we had! Lots of children were confident in the water and showed off their previous swimming skills to their swimming teachers. Well done everyone. Keep up the good work.



It was so lovely to see so many children from Red Class attending Construction Club. They did a great job building different models using a variety of materials.

The children made new friends from KS1 and had a lovely time.





Orange Class



Orange class have settled back in after the Christmas break. Here are a few of the things we have been up to over the last two weeks...

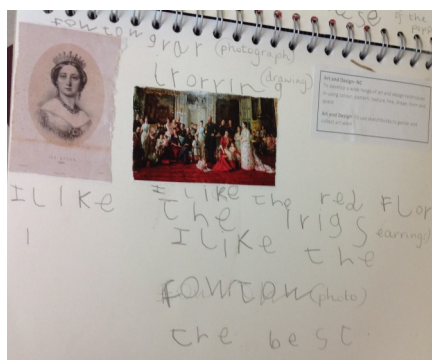
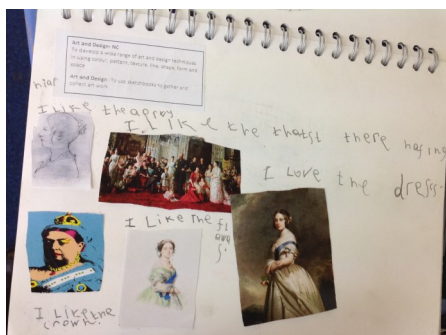


Thank you to the children and families for making such a great start on the home learning, here are a few pieces that we have looked at in class already. Great effort!

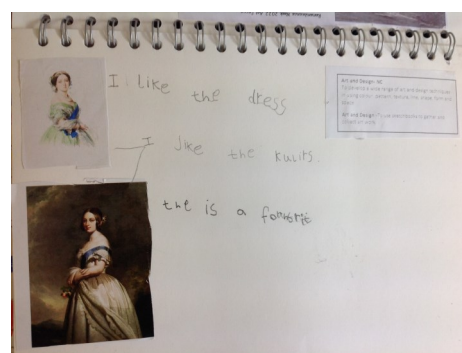
The Victorians

We have enjoyed looking at the differences between photographs, portraits and pop art.

We used our sketchbooks to identify the ones we liked and made a comment explaining why. Look out for our portrait of Queen Victoria in the next newsletter!



Meet our very own Queen Victoria who popped by to answer some questions...

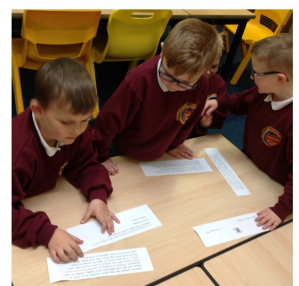
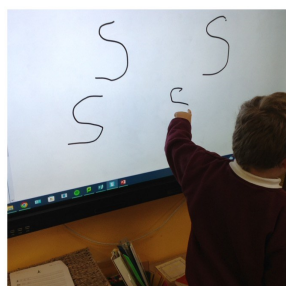




Yellow Class



We have been really pleased with how Yellow Class have responded to our Victorians learning so far. They enjoyed investigating the artefacts and comparing them with ones that we use today. It has been great to see children already bringing in their homework linked with the topic. We have also started learning about coding in our computing sessions, programming objects to move on the screen. In Maths we have been learning about 2d and 3d shapes—their knowledge is improving at great pace!





Green Class



Magic Box poetry writing

We have learnt about how to create powerful images, based on our senses and how to write similes and metaphors, using The Magic Box as inspiration.

We have created so many brilliant images already! Here are just some of them...



Victorian Railways

We have started our new Victorian project, finding out about the invention of railways and steam engines. We really enjoyed making detailed sketches of Stephenson's Rocket.



Poetry treasure hunt

We looked for picture clues around the classroom for our new writing- 'The Magic Box', by Kit Wright.



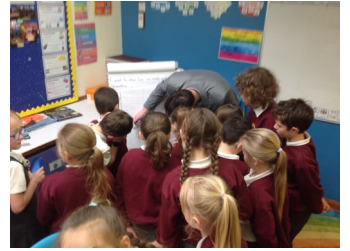
Zones of Regulation

We explored different emotions, looking at body language and how different scenarios might make us feel.



Blue Class

All of the children in Blue Class have settled back into school life really well after the Christmas break. We have particularly enjoyed taking part in some active chemistry lessons. We explored solids, liquids and gases and even became the molecules that form these different states of matter, before completing an observational experiment. We placed our very own icebergs in three different locations around the school with a varying temperature. After this, we discussed what makes a fair test and measured the water level after each hour throughout the day.



We have also been exploring poetry in Blue Class. Again, we have enjoyed being active in our learning by clapping syllables, creating actions to support our recall and playing a game of charades. Our focus poem is called 'The Magic Box,' and we individually placed items that we would like to put in our own magic box in one of our classroom boxes. After this, we worked in teams and had to guess what someone from another team was acting out.



We are very lucky in Blue Class as a coach from Penzance Tennis Club will be leading our PE lessons over this half term. We all thoroughly enjoyed our first lesson and impressed Mrs Flores and Mr McGarry with our attitude and willing to keep on trying even if we were struggling. We particularly enjoyed 'The Space Invader' game at the beginning of the session.





Indigo Class

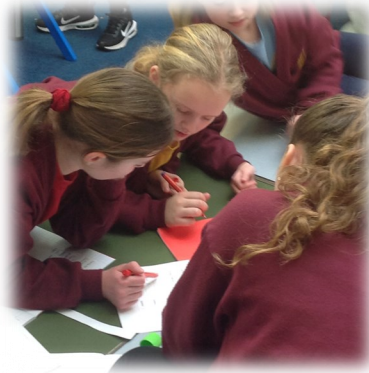
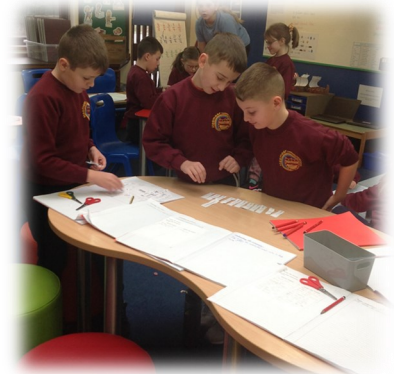
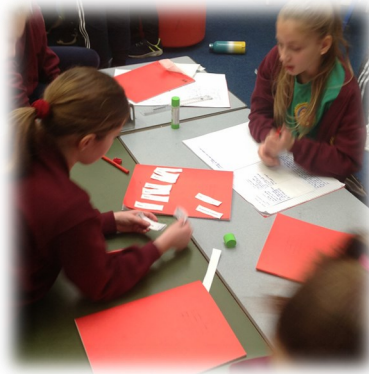


The children in Indigo Class have made a fabulous start to the new term
Here are just a few things to give you a flavour of what they have been getting up to . . .

PSHE (Jigsaw)

We have begun the new year thinking about 'Dreams and Goals' in our PSHE lessons, with the focus being on economics (the 'E' in PSHE).

This week we have been considering different occupations and how people earn money.



PE

We have decided to get in out of the cold and wet weather this term for our PE at school. As you can see we are developing our gymnastics techniques. So far we have perfected the forwards and backwards rolls.

Great action shots!



Violet Class



Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. We hope you all had a great Christmas and ate entirely too many mince pies.



We have hit the ground running and the children have absolutely smashed their learning out of the park so far this year!



This term is a crucial period with regards to the children's end of year assessments. I will be sending some homework revision materials next week, with instructions on what we would like the children to achieve. It's really important that they access these resources as it will help prepare them for their SATS.



Energy Drinks

Caffeine is an addictive substance. The NHS has stated that because of the high levels of caffeine, sugar and acidity in energy drinks, **they are 'unnecessary' and 'unsuitable' for children under 16.**

Please do not allow children to bring energy drinks to school, our own research has shown that children come with their own energy!

British Values

Our Focus this term for assemblies is 'British Values' The diagram below shows what 'British Values' covers as part of our children's Personal Development



Community Cupboard

Please remember that the community cupboard is open and there are lots of items available.

Pop in anytime, or phone the school office if you would like a bag of items made up for you.



Diary Dates

HALF TERM WEEK

13th-17th February

Spring term (2nd half)

Mon 20th February - Fri 31st March

EASTER HOLIDAY

3rd-14th April inclusive