



Spring Newsletter

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Kynance: Another great week for Kynance. We have been forming sentences confidently this week, both orally and written. We have explored subtraction and ordering numbers to 10 without clues. We have had our new sand pit sand delivered (thank you PTA!) so the children are excited to explore that more next week. We will be providing weekly enhancements to the area to extend learning. We have also learnt how to play snakes and ladders to explore and challenge counting and turn-taking. We would really appreciate some donations of salt, plain flour, old wellies and old coats please! Thank you so much. Please keep checking Tapestry to see updates on your child's learning.

Star of the week: Belle for some amazing Maths work this week, ordering her numbers to 10 independently. Super progress!

Community: Kaisie for showing respect to classroom, her work and friends

Home Learner: Issy for some fantastic Tapestry uploads - we love seeing your application of learning at home!

Gwithian: A super week for Gwithian class this week; each and every child is showing us just how much progress they have made since the start of the year, particularly in their reading! Thank you for taking the time to support reading at home, it really is essential for strong independent readers. We have been focusing on high frequency words this week and would be grateful if you could continue to practice these at home - they can be found in the front of your reading diaries. Subtraction is a tricky concept, but Gwithian class have really stuck at it and persevered with their learning. We have looked at taking away by crossing out, hopping back on a number line and physically removing quantities to solve problems. Next week we will look at shapes. Please can you continue to work on quick fire number bonds to 10 at home, thank you. In your reading diaries you should have received a small piece of paper with a log in for your child. These are log in's for the maths app 'Sumdog' where the children can complete maths related games and tasks to improve their mathematical skills. We have enjoyed exploring the story of The Smeds and The Smoo's by Julia Donaldson this week in guided reading by freeze framing and completing Story Mountains, along with looking at what other books she has written, and in geography the children we really excited to use maps and find out where we live and where other countries are located. Looking forward to another great week next week before the half term.

Star of the week: Noah - trying his hardest in all areas of learning, particularly phonics, where he is making super progress.

TLA Community: James - kindness - being a wonderful member of Gwithian class, always kind and trying to make children and staff smile.

Home Learner: Maisie - bright, colourful and glittery alien design.

Sennen: Sennen have had a busy week. We have completed our Riddles and Mr Hadley visited our class to test them out. He was impressed by our use of vocabulary and challenging clues. In Maths we have explored Data and Statistic - the children are now experts in reading tally charts, pictograms and bar charts. Keep practising those 2s, 5s and 10s - these skills pop up everywhere! Next week we will be exploring 2D shape - what shapes can you find around your house? We have looked at the 7 Continents in Geography, ready to explore where our food comes from. We have also looked at Fair Trade foods and what this means for people around the world. In Art we created "Ice art" using frozen colours to create abstract art. We have also completed our Carl Warner inspired collages. Thank you for all your support during our messy topic! We're looking forward to our book week next week explore the beautiful book - The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse.

Star of the week: Lily-Rose - for always giving 100% in effort and attitude in learning and friendships

TLA Community: Kodi - Empathy - putting himself in other peoples shoes

Home Learner: Jayden

Fistral: This week in maths, Fistral have started division by sharing numbers into equal groups using base 10. In English, we have been using descriptive language to describe animals of the Everglades and have been thinking about the characteristics and job of a park ranger in preparation for planning our own dilemma stories.

In topic, we have looked at the Peregrine falcon and the habitat in which it likes to hunt, whilst in science we have learned about pollination. We had the most amazing time with Mark's Ark on Wednesday. The children really enjoyed seeing the animals and learning about them. They were all very brave and loved holding the snake, spider, skink and barn owl.

Star of the week: Olivia for working really hard in maths.

TLA Community: Reegan for taking pride in his work and trying his hardest.

Home Learner: Rose for a wonderful habitat model

Pentire: This week we have investigated which material was the best insulator to keep a drink warm. The children made predictions, carried out a fair test and wrote up their investigation with a focus on writing instructions clearly using imperative verbs. They used their recent maths learning to draw bar graphs of their results. They have been learning about different types of triangles in maths and how to use coordinates to plot points in order to draw shapes. They have worked hard on learning their tables using SumDog, Maths Frame and Hit the Button. In RE, the focus has been on Mother Teresa and her inspiring work. We have finished drafting our adventure stories and we are now writing them up. The week finished with a 'dress down' day as the children have filled their reward pot due to some fantastic teamwork and effort in lessons. Their 'reading at home percentage' has improved greatly and last week the class were top of the school attendance figures. I am delighted with their progress and attitude to learning. Thank you for all the support from home.

Star of the week: Peter for fantastic effort with a range of shape challenge tasks

TLA Community: Lola, for showing fantastic resilience in a maths challenge this week.

Home Learner: Alicia for her high quality homework which was a delight to mark.

Marazion: We are coming to an end of our topic about Space and the children have enjoyed finishing off pictures of 'new' planets and creatures which could be found on them. We have dabbled our toes into looking at biographies, which will be our next big write. The children enjoyed looking at different examples of biography and summarising them - a really good reading skill! Please, please encourage your children to read at home - it really helps develop their stamina for reading (needed at secondary school) and also broadens their vocabulary. We are still looking at decimals and calculating with them. We have looked at multiplication of decimals - it really helps to relate it to money. If you want additional work to do with them at home, all of the children have a log on for sumdog and times table's rock stars. We really need to improve our rapid recall of times tables fact! Have a lovely weekend - ready for a short week next week.

Star of the week: Ruan for his effort and attitude towards his learning.

TLA Community: Thalia for being a reliable, sensible member of the class.

Home Learner: Joshua for his weekly effort with his spellings.

School attendance: We finished the week with another low figure of **93.4%** for our **whole school attendance**. A reminder that we **start the school day 8.45am**. You **MUST** record your child in the late book at the office with a valid reason.

Kynance: 89.6%

Fistral: 93.7%

Marazion: 90%

Gwithian: 93.5%

Pentire: 97.2%

Sennen: 96.1%

Summerleaze: 93.7%



Bags2school

Collection bags will be sent home before half term. Please fill with clothing, hand bags, shoes, belts soft toys, curtains, bedding, towels and bring in to school for collection - **Tuesday 23rd March**. If you require another bag collect from Miss Saunders or use a black bin bag. We get paid per KG and so it's an easy way to help the school and clear your unwanted items.



Fizz free February

The children have been very excited when reporting back that they have had no fizz this week. Keep up the fantastic work at home. Mr LDL

Parent pay

Please ensure school meals and trips have been paid for. Aspire have issued debt letters this week. Until your child's debt is reduced please provide your child with a packed lunch. If you are having financial difficulties please speak with Miss Saunders or Mr Hadley in confidence and we can agree a payment plan. Thank you.

Diary dates

February

13th-FOTLA disco's EYFS/KS1: 3.30-4.45pm letter sent home and KS2: 5.00-6.15pm

14th-Inset day

17th-21st ****Half term****

March

5th-World Book day ****children can dress as a book character****

13th-Sport Relief **** children can wear items of red or sports gear** £1 charitable donation**

19th-Rocksteady parent concert from 9am in the hall

23rd-Bags2school collection from the main office

25th-Easter craft session ****parents welcome in their child's class from 2-3pm****

27th-Last day of spring term, finish at 1pm

30th March-13th April ****Easter holiday****

April

14th-Inset day

15th-First day back to school

May

4-5th-Year 4 Residential YHA Treyarnon Bay (details to follow)

25th-29th ****Half term****

June

1st-Inset day

2nd-First day back to school

8th-10th-Year 5 Residential Barton Hall, Devon (details to follow)

July

7-8th-Year 3 Residential Camp Kernow (details to follow)

15-17th-Year 6 Residential River Dart (details to follow)

17th-FOTLA Summer fair from 2.30pm

22nd-Last day of summer term 1pm finish