



Filleigh Primary School's Monthly News

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A Message from the Head of School:

What a fantastic start to the term! We have had an exciting trip to Exmoor Zoo, some amazing science experiments and the start of our Children's Champions Forest Fridays. Thank you to those members of our school community who have thrown themselves into these things with their usual positivity and enthusiasm. It is a pleasure to be part of such a vibrant school.

Mrs Eggleton.



Dates for your Diary

Tree Planting Trip – selected KS2; 29 th January 2024	Indoor Athletics competition – selected KS2; 1 st February 2024	Parents evening - whole school; week commencing 5 th Feb'24	Basketball match V SMCP – selected stags; 8 th February
Oral Health check – selected R & Yr1; 21 st February	World Book Day – Whole School; 7 th March	Year 6 football tournament – selected Stags; 7 th March	NHS measurements – R & Yr6; 8 th March

What's been happening this month?

Exciting visitors:

We would like to thank the ladies from Open the Book for coming back this year. We do look forward to when they visit us and the children like to get involved in the story telling!



Sporting Events:

Unfortunately, the year 5 / 6 football match against North Moton was cancelled this week as they couldn't raise a team – hopefully we will be able to re-schedule.

KS1 Exmoor Zoo Trip:

What an incredible day we had at Exmoor Zoo with all the KS1 children.....
We would like to thank our parent volunteers and Karen Lockwood for sponsoring this trip for us which meant all of the children could attend.





Playtimes:

Notice Board

Breakfast Club

If you haven't already done so and you would like to book your child into breakfast club, please e-mail admin@filleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk.

Breakfast club is open to pre-school children up to year 6.

You must book in advance so we ensure we have enough members of staff to comply with the ratios.

KS2 After school Club:

KS2 after school club on a Tuesday will be Tag Rugby. This club is free and open to all children in Stags and Buzzards. This club MUST be booked through Achieve4All by clicking on this link:

[Filleigh - KS2 - Tag Rugby Club - Spring Term \(1st Half\) - Filleigh - KS2 - Tag Rugby Club - Spring Term \(1st Half\) | Achieve4All](#)

Reporting Absence:

When your child is absent from school you MUST contact the school to inform us that your child will be absent, the reason for their absence and their expected return date to school.

If you do not inform us by 9.30am it is our duty of care to start calling the next of kin and work through the contacts list. As you can imagine this is quite a time-consuming job.

Please ensure you report your child absent by phoning, e-mailing or the quickest and easiest way is on the ParentMail app.

If you wish to request time off for your child you need to complete an absence request form and return it to Mrs Smith:

[Filleigh Primary School - Key Documents \(filleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk\)](#)



An idyllic environment for children to learn, discover and explore

Filleigh Pre-school is part of Filleigh Primary school which is a part of the wonderful Devon Moors Federation. Where learning begins...a high-quality childcare setting to build a safe & happy foundation for all children.

Why Filleigh Pre-school?

- A content combined foundation unit.
- Warm & friendly atmosphere with supportive & caring staff.
- Spacious learning class along with fantastic outdoor spaces.
- Curriculum based learning activities to suit all individuals.
- Healthy snacks provided.
- We work along with parents to develop growth & to develop learning.
- Adds to the life of village community, promoting equality & diversity.

We offer full & half day sessions that cater to parents and child's needs. 15 and 30-hour government funding spaces available.

Visits are welcome, to arrange a visit or for more information please contact us: admin@filleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk or 01598 760295

Snacks:

Please be aware that pupils in Butterflies and Foxes class receive free fruit and vegetable snacks as part of a government funded scheme. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer this to key stage 2 pupils. Buzzards and Stags are welcome to bring in their own snacks for breaktime, however, we ask that you please ensure these snacks are of the fruit or vegetable variety.

An increasing number of children are not bringing in their water bottles. Please ensure your child has their water bottle daily.

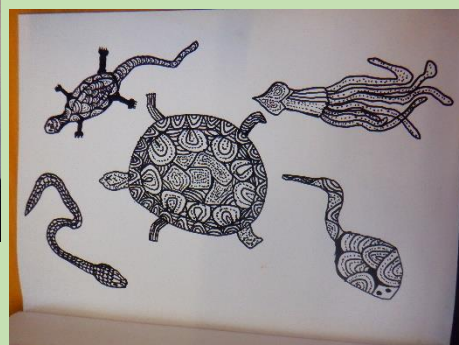
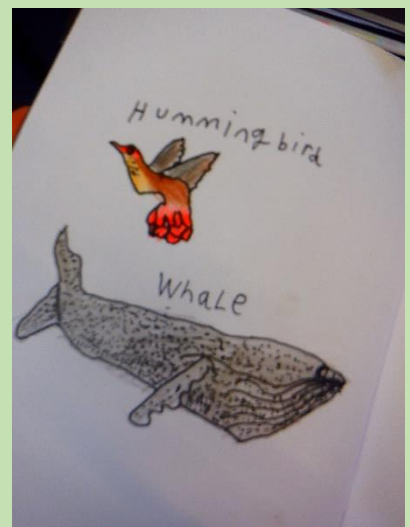
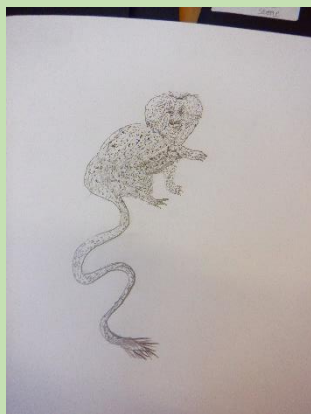
STAGS:

January blues? No such thing in Stags Class. We have been busy with our learning and working our way through new topics.

In English, we have been studying Animalium, a non-fiction text that looks into the world of animals, their characteristics for survival and how they have adapted and survived to suit their environment.

We will be writing our final pieces next week and adding some artwork to our published writing to help our reader visualise the animals we are writing about.

Here are some of the photos that the class created with Mrs Palmer!



In Maths, everyone has been learning about fractions, decimals and percentages at various levels and are doing an excellent job at looking for patterns that will help them to create connections.

Our History lessons have taken us in a time machine to prehistory and how different life was then.

Science is all about changing materials! We've done some cool experiments to help our understanding of solubility. We've learnt about Islam in RE lessons and been building websites in Computing.

Year 6 have spent time with Mrs Kent-Smith doing Forest School and there are some excellent photos on the Class Dojo feed!



The Year 5s have been learning to play netball in this time and also looking at the dangers around certain types of drugs and alcohol as well as pressures they could face as they get older and how to deal with these.

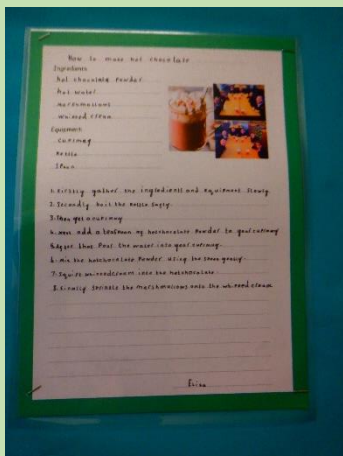
We are looking forward to all that February has in store!

Miss Newcombe & Mrs Palmer

BUZZARDS:

We have had such a busy month in Buzzards! Everyone came back from the holidays ready to learn, well done!

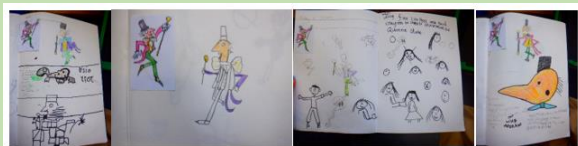
In English we were looking at instructional text. We focused on titles, subheadings and sentence structures. For our final piece we wrote instructions on how to write a hot chocolate. Some of these pieces have been displayed upstairs!



In history, we have begun looking at the Romans! This has been a really exciting topic and we have really enjoyed learning about the rise of the Roman Empire. In dance, we have been recreating testudos and practicing our Roman Military prowess.



In art, we have been looking at illustrations. We have been focusing on Quentin Blake. The children have really enjoyed it and the work they have created has been amazing! Some of them have even continued practicing at home!



Miss Powe & Mrs Kent-Smith

BUTTERFLIES:

Butterflies have settled in beautifully to new routines and have risen to a higher level of stretch and challenge. We have enjoyed learning about Bar Headed Geese as part of our instruction writing and everyone has produced work they can be proud of. In maths, year 1 have been consolidating their understanding of place value within 20 and year 2 have been adding and subtracting using resources, like base 10, to support them.

This week, we thoroughly enjoyed spending the day at Exmoor Zoo. The weather didn't dampen our spirits and we were lucky enough to see plenty of animals - including the Beast of Bodmin! Butterflies Class listened fantastically to their talk from the zoo keeper and learnt lots of exciting things about habitats. The children were exemplary and should be really proud of the impression they made. A huge, huge thank you to the parent helpers who made the trip possible and a special thank you to Karen Lockwood for sponsoring this trip.



Today, Butterflies Class have enjoyed the first of our Forest Friday events organised by our Children's Champions. They loved their time in forest school and were able to come back inside for a warming hot chocolate afterwards. Our children's champions did a super job of organising a lovely art inspired activity for them too. Great work, everyone!

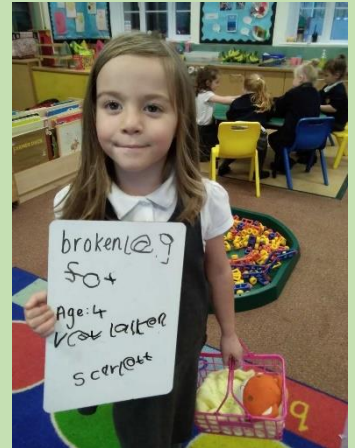


Mrs Eggleton & Miss Barrable

FOXES & FOXCUBS:

Spring term is always exciting in reception - watching the children build their confidence to grow as readers and writers; developing their independence is always wonderful to see!

Our children have been keen to write in the vet's role-play area, as well as during guided sessions. We have been reminding ourselves of how to form letters correctly too.



In maths, pre-school have been exploring the number 4, looking at various shapes, building with Numicon, subitising and investigating which animals have 4 legs.

Reception have been practising adding small numbers together, subitising and recognising different parts to a number. They have also explored weighing and comparing objects and also making the weighing scales balance.

Whilst we haven't been outside as much as we would have liked, they have been creating wonderful dances in our P.E. sessions.

Mrs Phillips, Mrs Rogers & Miss Scoins