

Marlborough Primary Academy

Newsletter

A Message From Our Head Teacher

We have had a very productive week at MPA. We have worked with staff to ensure that reading is more highly prioritised in classes as we have heard from some pupils that they would like to read more, but they didn't always have access to high quality texts from school. In response to this we have:

Asked staff to plan visits to the local library (Devonport) with their classes (Y6 visiting next week!)

Moved the reading books to more accessible spots in the school

Ordered library boxes for each class so that they can access high quality texts linked to their learning

Ensured each room has a book corner so children can access reading for pleasure books

We know that fluent reading is vital for children in all aspects of their learning, so please do ensure that you are checking that children have home reading books, and that you are hearing them read and recording the home reading sessions in their reading records. We offer high quality daily reading lessons for all pupils, and we will continue to work hard to ensure we have the best reading offer possible for our lovely pupils at MPA.

Mr Dore had an exciting visit to Heatree Activity Centre this week to check out the site for our planned Y6 residential visit in February. We are so excited to be able to offer this trip to our students - the visit and the travel have been funded by charity organisations so there will be no more than a very small, nominal cost to the families. Further information about this will be sent to our families early next week



I hope you have the best of weekends - Steph Macdonald



Recognition Awards

Attendance

This week's attendance winner are: Hawthorn 97.06%

**Whole school: 90.1%
this is the below national average**



Achiever of the week

**Maple - Claire
Sycamore - Harrison
Hawthorn - Casey
Beech - Olivia**

Splashing into happiness

Year 4 and 5 have now completed their 3 week block of swimming lessons. Our students have been learning how to swim on their front and back as well as learning some important water safety rules.

The children have had so much fun and have all made wonderful progress. Today was their last swimming lesson and they all had a fun session with a pool party and water slides.

A big thank you to the staff at the Life Centre for teaching our amazing students and for TallyHo driving us every day.



Willows

Willows have started to explore the new text 'A Walk in the Woods'. This has involved discussing the four seasons and activities to decide the best clothes to wear in winter.

In Maths, the children have been exploring mass and capacity. They have used balance scales to find out which items are heavier and lighter, as well as looking to see when the scales are balanced. They have also explored the capacity of different containers using objects and water.

As well as this, they have been consolidating their number knowledge and recognition of numbers to 5, ready to move on to higher numbers next week.



Maple

Maple class have been working really hard with their writing this week. We have been looking at the beautiful book, Grandpa's Surprise. We have been focusing on finding nouns in our pictures and writing words with the prefix 'un'.

Our favorite class sentences with and without the prefix were: 'I can wrap a present. I can unwrap a present.' We spent lots of time exploring how the words change their meaning when the prefix is added.

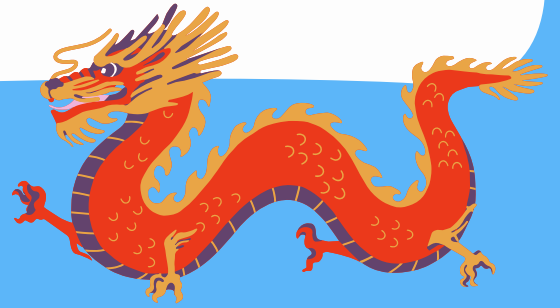


Little Oaks

We have been learning about 2d shapes this week. We have named them, counted the number of sides and sorted them.

We also have learnt about China. We made Chinese dragon puppets from paper and lolly sticks and watched some videos about the terracotta army and some very cute pandas.

We are still really enjoying swimming and we are being really brave at swimming on our backs too!



Sycamore

Year 4 are continuing their swimming and have been putting their faces in the water! The class are developing their recall of the four times tables and their understanding of the division operation.

In English, lots of adventurous vocabulary is being used to describe settings for our story 'Stone Age Boy'. On

Tuesday we played tag rugby again. It was great fun learning how to play tag rugby.



Hawthorn

This week in English we have been continuing to focus on Michael Morpurgo's Beowulf and creating own detailed character descriptions of our own fictitious monsters.

In maths we continue to focus on fractions, i am pleased to say that all children can confidently tell me and others what an improper and proper fraction is and the differences between them.

Everyone is making super progress with their swimming and are learning new swimming strokes.

Well done everyone!

Reminders:

Please can parents/carers be reminded that homework is set on a Friday and due in on a Monday.

Please could i also ask that children are encouraged to read at home aloud to an adult, sibling, other family member or pet. It is important that children read frequently.

Beech

What a lovely week we've had! In all our lessons, the children are working really hard to do their best learning. They are correcting mistakes, supporting each other and using their previous learning. In English, we are continuing to read our book 'Beowulf' and the children have been using expanded noun phrases and figurative language to describe characters, write a diary and write a letter home from the viewpoint of a soldier.

In maths, we have finished learning how to convert between metric units of measure and have started learning about ratio.

In science, we are learning about 'Living things and their Habitats'. We have lots of lovely books from the local library to help us with this.

In history, we are learning about the Shang dynasty, its the first rulers and the primary evidence for their existence.

Next week: Big push for reading!

Trip to Devonport library on Wednesday

Please support your child by reading with them at home as much as possible. I've given them new bookmarks! Ten reading session gets them raffle tickets and dojos.

Homework: Due Friday

TTRS and EdShed.

SATs style books. If your child is likely to lose the books, please leave them in school and they can do it at some point during the week.

[Please complete maths pages 42-45](#)

[Please complete punctuation pages 18-21](#)

Start of Day

School begins for all children at 08:45am. Gates will be opened from 08:35 am and will close promptly at 08:45am. Children in Yr1- 6 should be dropped off at the gate, where adults are available should they need support getting into class.

Menu Change



Please check
Teachers2Parent app for
the menu change



End of Day

School ends at 3:15pm for all children. Gates will open at 3:10pm and close promptly at 3:20pm. Parents should come onto the playground to collect their child(ren) from the class teachers.

Absence

If your child is off school please call the school number 01752 567681 and press 2 to report the absence. Can this be done first thing in the morning

Payments

We have a number of outstanding payments due for school clubs/dinner money and trips. Can you please make sure these are paid promptly via the Teachers2Parents app, by phoning or coming in to the main office. We are happy to arrange a payment plan if you are unable to pay in full straight away. For outstanding club payments - we will be unable to book further sessions until payments are up to date . For outstanding lunch payments - you will be asked to provide your child a packed lunch until payments are up to date

Clubs

Breakfast club - starts at 7:45am and cost £2 session, please use main reception to access the club.

After school club - Monday to Friday 3:15pm to 5pm, spaces are booked and paid for on School money. Session are £5 per children or £4 each for siblings.

Contact

If you need to contact Phone number: 01752
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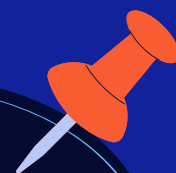
Website address:

www.marlbrough.plymouth.sch.uk

Email address:

reception@marlbroughacademy.org

Dates for the Diary



Every Tuesday Afternoon - Tag Rugby for Sycamore
Tuesday 4th February - Widening Horizons Trip for Year 5
Friday 14th February - Last day of term
17th - 21st February - Half term
Monday 24th February - School Inset Day
Tuesday 25th February - Back to School



MARLBOROUGH PRIMARY ACADEMY TERM DATES 2024-2025

	Sep-24					Oct-24					Nov-24					Dec-24				
Monday	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30
Tuesday	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31
Wednesday	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	
Thursday	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	
Friday	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	
	Jan-25					Feb-25					Mar-25					Apr-25				
Monday		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
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Public Holiday
 School Holiday
 School Inset Day