



May 2022

# NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers

The summer term has certainly been action packed and fun-filled! In class, we've been focussing on history: from the space landings to the Romans, children have been immersed in some truly wonderful learning experiences.

The exceptionally high quality of teaching and learning was observed and recorded during a visit from an Ofsted inspector and independent school advisor, who visited us in our first week back. He was very impressed by the high standards across all classes and the depth of subject knowledge

that children had; not just in maths and english, but across a broad range of curriculum subjects, including French, music and science.

Our Year 6 children made us so incredibly proud when they completed their SATs tests in May. Not only were they calm and confident, but showed such maturity, encouraging one another to do their best. We all felt this was testament to what superstars they truly are, and how ready they are for secondary school. Well done Year 6!

I am delighted to have been able to share with you our staffing arrangements for next year much earlier. I'm sure this will help the children with thinking about their transitions in September. It also means we can hit the ground running after half term with our 'meet the teacher' events for children. Our new teachers, Miss Fell and Mrs Fletcher, will also be popping in throughout the next half term to spend as much time as they can with their new classes. Please do say hello if you catch them on the playground - they will also be joining us for our summer fayre on the 8th July.

Finally, I hope you enjoy our extended half term break. Whether you are 'staycationing' locally, or lucky enough to be travelling abroad, I wish you all a happy, restful break and look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 13th June.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Best wishes,

*Jenny Stewart* Headteacher





# MINI BEASTS!

We have been crazy about all things mini-beast this half term! The children have amazed us with their knowledge and ability to absorb high-level vocabulary, such as 'metamorphosis', 'exoskeleton' and 'gastropod.' We've learnt everything from lifecycles to microhabitats and from pollination to adaptation. We rounded off our learning by making a giant bug hotel in our school allotment.

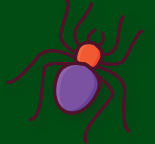
We've been eagerly checking on our caterpillars, watching them closely as they have grown and grown. The children have been racing in every morning with eager anticipation, as now they are wrapped up in their cocoons. We can't wait for them to emerge as beautiful butterflies, so we can release them.

Many of our children have been so engrossed with this enquiry, to the extent that they've been making bug hotels at home! Here's a picture of Alex, and his genius creation.

When we return after half term, we will be learning all about what makes our community so special. We'll be setting off on trips around the village to explore our local community and learning about maps, aerial views and landscapes. Before we move on to Year One, we will be creating a special guide for the new children who join us in September, so that we can share our thoughts and ideas about why it's so great to be a pupil at Shaldon Primary School!



# Reception





# One small step for man, one giant leap for

## Year 1

The summer term in Year 1 launched off with a fun-filled space day, getting us all excited about our new Learning Journey question: When and why did people travel to the moon? What an exciting way to start such an exciting new enquiry!

We have been working as historians, looking back at the time of the 1969 moon landing. We thought about what life was like then, compared to life now. We plotted this momentous historical event on a timeline, along with our births and those of our families, to help us understand when exactly the moon landing occurred.

For the first time this year, we now have our own individual journals to record our work in. We are taking responsibility (Flourishing) to ensure the work in these books is the very best it can be. They are looking spectacular already!

Our final outcome is to write a detailed, knowledge-rich recount of the moon landing. We will be showing off both our in-depth knowledge of the story and also our ever-improving writing skills. We are all so proud of the amazing progress we've made so far in Year 1.





# Year 2



This term, the year 2 historians have been reflecting on why the Titanic was built – its purpose if you like. We know that the White Star Line Shipping Company built the Titanic and it was to be the biggest, most luxurious liner in the World. What a goal. We have also looked into Titanic's planned journey, the stops it made after setting off from Southampton on April 10th 1912. Our classroom floor became our canvas and together, using chalk, we drew out the Titanic's journey. This helped us to visualise Titanic's route and prompted lots of wonderful and thought-provoking discussion.

We then embedded our knowledge and understanding of chronology by creating a timeline that included the significant dates in History we have been learning about. So far, we have plotted the Wright Brothers first flight in 1903, Titanic's sinking in 1912 and Neil Armstrong's moon landing in 1969. We will continue developing our knowledge and understanding of the Titanic after half term.

The year 2 team have also been preparing for and finishing their SATs (or quizzes!) They have worked extremely hard, and have done amazingly well - congratulations Year 2 on another successful half term. We are super proud of you!



# Year 3

To start off the summer term, Year 3 have been exploring what it means to be a historian and learning all about the Roman invasion of Britain. We have conducted our own research and learnt how to take high quality notes from secondary sources of evidence - something that was made or written after the events took place. Initially, we discovered who the Celts were and what life was like in Britain before the Roman invasion. Then, we learnt about the different invasions of Britain that took place between 55 BC and 43 AD when Emperor Claudius was finally able to establish a Roman presence in the British Isles. We then went on to learn about Boudicca's rebellion in 60 AD which almost caused Emperor Nero to abandon his conquest of the country before finally learning about the Roman legacy that was left behind after the collapse of the Empire in 410 AD. On the 16th May, Year 3 had a Roman experience day where we dressed up and spent the day immersing ourselves in Roman culture, knowledge and their number system! We all thoroughly enjoyed this day and learnt much more about the Roman Empire.

After our work on Romans, the class spent some time looking at programming microbits and at improving our skills at publishing work by using Microsoft Sway. The children have learnt how a program can be created for a purpose and also how they can share documents and work collaboratively.

We also visited the library in Teignmouth to learn more about our local amenities and how we can borrow books for free from the amazing library service that is right on our doorstep!





# Year 4



What a term it's been in Year 4! The children have learnt so much this term and had so much fun doing it. One particular highlight was our trip to Torre Abbey, where the class became first class actors and historians all on one day. Another highlight was our French cafe, which raised £43 for charity and allowed the children to practise their French learning. A huge thank you to Ilana who has helped us with French this term as well as running our choir and teaching many of the class instrumental lessons.





# Year 5

## Enquiry

In year 5, we have been focusing on the concept of chronology in our historical enquiry. We have thought about our learning in terms of a magnifying glass. By this, we mean that we started off looking at the big picture of ancient civilisations. This timeline contained many bars to show the different time period starting and end dates, therefore making it very easy to understand the length of time that they lasted. From this, the children were able to interpret and compare their findings. We then focussed a little deeper, looking specifically at the Aztec era on this timeline. Although it was a relatively short time period, clearly there were many events that shaped their legacy. From their reading, the children were able to pull out the key details and place these on an Aztec specific timeline. Interestingly, this timeline wasn't made up of bars as they were concentrating specifically on standalone events. Finally, the children dug deeper again to learn about what Montezuma II did in his lifetime as it is his biography that they are writing. From conducting their own research, the children were able to place some of his key life events on a timeline, where the start and end years were much smaller in comparison to those use on the ancient civilisation timeline. Interestingly, some of his life events lasted many years – such as the length of time that he was emperor – and so this was illustrated as a bar, whereas other events were just stand alone on his timeline. By taking such care and time to understand these events, the children have been able to learn so much about this period of history. Their next step is to expand these details further in Montezuma II's biography.



## Library Visit

The children enjoyed a visit to the library, where they participated in the secret book quest trail. They were presented with a box that had appeared in the library overnight. However, this box couldn't be opened as it was locked with a secret code, which the children needed to crack. Using their knowledge of the library, the children were able to complete their challenge successfully, by working as a team! It was really great to see so many of the children excited about exploring and choosing new books. Thank you to Teignmouth Library for having us!



## ACE Music Project

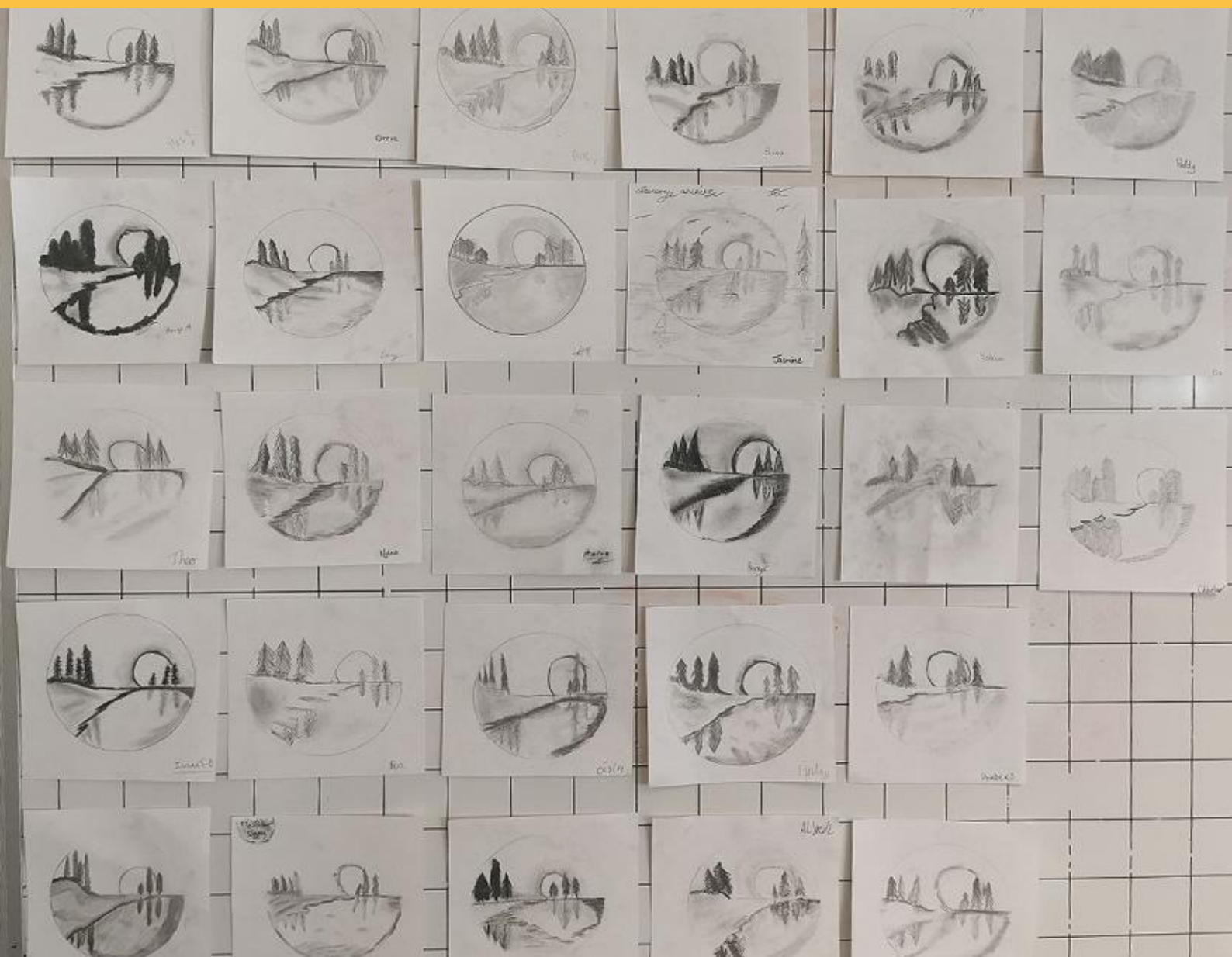
Year 5 have been lucky enough to be selected to participate in the ACE music project. In their first workshop, they enjoyed some singing with our visitors.



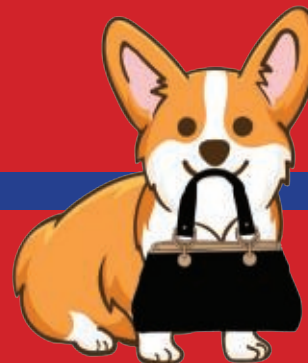


# Year 6

As you can imagine, Year 6 have been fairly busy revising for the SATs test. Children have put an amazing amount of effort in over the course of the term in revision sessions at school, booster sessions after school and bits of revision homework. When it came to the actual SATs week, they were cool, calm and collected. I'm sure they all did brilliantly and should be proud of themselves. We have managed to do some other bits of work during the term as well. We are learning to take someone on a French tour of our houses and learning what music can teach us about our community. We have done more fantastic artwork led by the outrageously talented Mrs Rowland.







# FOSS Update

This term we have done another popular Bag2School collection. We have done our first cake sale of 2022 and have also supported the student council in putting on a spectacular playground party for the Queen's jubilee; we provided the prizes, provided the jam & cream for the scones, and made a super cute 'hunt the corgi' game! FOSS have also provided a keepsake bookmark for each of the children to commemorate the Queen's jubilee - we hope they like it and will keep it for years to come!

There have been another 5 winners of the YourSchoolLottery, each winning just over £20. The lottery is drawn once a week - the more players, the bigger the prize fund - and an opportunity to win the national prize fund too - so please do sign up and join in [www.YourSchoolLottery.co.uk](http://www.YourSchoolLottery.co.uk). Every month, FOSS gets a return of over £100 from you playing the lottery, so it goes to a great cause!

Next term, we will be running a Father's Day shop at school on Wednesday 15th June - the first week back - please book your Dad's / Uncle's / Grandad's gifts at £3 each at [www.pta-events.co.uk/shaldon](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/shaldon). It's the same format as the Christmas and Mother's Day shop. The children love shopping independently for gifts and we are delighted to help!

We have been very busy behind the scenes because we have started planning the Summer Fair for the first time in a couple of years! It will be on Friday the 8th July - please keep your fingers crossed for a nice sunny day. There will be bouncy castles... there will be a mega tombola... there will be games... there will be a bar and food... there will be teachers with wet sponges... it will be a lot of fun, please make a note of the date to support FOSS in the event.

FOSS will also be at Sport's Day providing refreshments.

There will be another Bag2School collection on 19th July.

Thank you for your continued support!





# Teignmouth Library Half Term Activities

## Saturday 28th May

Elmer Day, crafts, activities, and games.

Drop in session from 10 - 12.

Suited for all ages.

£1 per child.

## Wednesday 1st June

Archie, Wait! story time and crafts with local author Anne Parsons. Archie the show jumping dog faces new challenges as he competed to be the best in the south west!

11 - 12.

Free, but pre-booking essential.

Contact the library on 01626 774646 or  
[Teignmouth.Library@LibrariesUnlimited.org.uk](mailto:Teignmouth.Library@LibrariesUnlimited.org.uk)





# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Friday 27th May</b>	Last day of term Platinum Jubilee Party
<b>Half Term</b>	
<b>Monday 13th June</b>	Return to school
<b>Wednesday 15th June</b>	FOSS Fathers Day Secret Room
<b>Friday 17th June</b>	Year 4 & 5 Trip to Killerton House for Music Festival
<b>Monday 20th – Thursday 23rd June</b>	Year 6 Group 1 Sailing
<b>Monday 27th June</b>	Year 5 & 6 Youth Speaks heats
<b>Thursday 30th June</b>	Year 5 & 6 Youth Speaks Final
<b>Friday 1st July</b>	Year 6 Business Fair 3.15pm - 4.30pm
<b>Monday 4th – Thursday 7th July</b>	Year 6 Group 2 Sailing
<b>Monday 4th July</b>	New 2022 Reception Parents to Meet Mrs Jones-Whyte, Mrs Stewart and Mr Claridge
<b>Thursday 7th July</b>	Children Meet New Teachers
<b>Friday 8th July</b>	FOSS Summer Fayre 3.30pm – 6pm
<b>Monday 11th July</b>	Sports Day
<b>Wednesday 13th – Friday 15th July</b>	Year 6 Residential
<b>Monday 18th July – Thursday 21st July</b>	Year 6 Group 3 Sailing
<b>Tuesday 19th July</b>	FOSS Bag2School Collection