

Dear Families,

We've had a wonderful first week back after half-term, and it's been such a pleasure to see the children settling back into routines and engaging enthusiastically with their learning and play.

Our whole-school trip to Paignton Zoo this week was an absolute highlight! The day was packed with excitement as our children explored the zoo. The trip gave everyone a chance to see classroom lessons come to life and to develop a deeper love for animals and the natural world. A huge thank you to our teachers, staff, and parent helpers for making this unforgettable experience possible!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to sharing more updates with you as the term progresses.

Have a great weekend,

Miss Coombe

Ps - Please see below for information on how to sign up for a useful parent reading workshop.

Miss Coombe

Some important information for next week -

Forest School Dates -

- 13th November (Oak and Chestnut)
- 27th November (Hazel and Chestnut)
- 11th December (Oak and Chestnut)

SATs Booster Club - Tuesday and Friday 8am start

Remembrance Service @ Kingsbridge Memorial 11am - parents welcome

Art Club - KS2 Wednesday 3.15 - 4pm

Sports Club - Tuesday and Thursday 3.15 - 4pm

Children in Need – Friday 15th November Dress in spotty or yellow – £1 donation.

Save money on your childcare costs

The cost of childcare can take up a large chunk of the family budget. Whether you have babies, toddlers or teens, you could get support.

There are several Government schemes to help families with childcare costs, each one tailored to different needs, incomes and children's ages. They're not just to help pay for nurseries and childminders during term time, they can also cover wraparound childcare before and after school as well as help during the holidays.

To find out about all the schemes, visit the Government's Child Care Choices website and enter your details to see how you can save money on your childcare.

We have a duty to ensure there is enough childcare to meet parents' needs. Use our online form to tell us if you haven't been able to find the childcare you need.

Get a healthy start this autumn

If you receive certain benefits and are more than ten weeks pregnant, or have at least one child under four years old, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk.

If you're eligible, you'll be sent a Healthy Start card, with money added every four weeks to buy cow's milk, fresh, frozen, and tinned fruit and vegetables, fresh, dried, and tinned pulses and infant formula milk based on cow's milk.

You can also use your card to collect Healthy Start vitamins to support you during pregnancy and breastfeeding and vitamin drops for babies and young children suitable from birth to four years old.

<https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/how-to-apply/>

West Alvington Academy Weekly Bulletin

Welcome to our weekly bulletin. Below you will find lots of useful information and lovely news from your child's classroom.

Chestnut - Nursery



WOW Words!

We will introduce and explore new and exciting words with the children. Some we have been using...



TAPESTRY
ONLINE LEARNING
JOURNAL

Tapestry Tuesdays!

It would be wonderful if you could all upload a photo from your adventures over the weekend for our Tapestry Tuesday! It doesn't need to be something extra special; it could just be a walk in the woods or even snuggling up for a family movie night.

We can't wait to see!

Hazel Years R-2

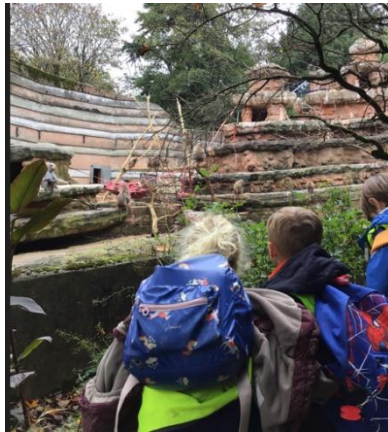
What a lovely first week of Autumn term 2 we have had and excited for many more to come.

This week we enjoyed our school trip to the Zoo which links to our currently science topic of animals. We saw so many animals and learnt so many interesting facts, we had a challenge to find as many different endangered animals as we could. We also had an interesting talk from one of the zookeepers about the lemurs and their tails. We were lucky enough to spot lots of baby animals and they were so cute!

As designers this week we have started our new project which is making Christmas puppets.

This week we looked at some puppets.

If you have any puppets that you would like to bring in we would love to see them!



Spellings – KS1 only

Year 1 - have, live, give, love, there

Year 2 - race, ice, cell, city, because

- Reading

Reading is key to everything your little one will do in school, and we want every child to be confident readers with a love of books. Your support with reading at home is key to this. Your child will bring home their reading record along with their RWinc book bag book and library book. It is important that they read the book bag book with you at least three times a week. Library books are important for their reading comprehension. Please make a note of any comments in their reading record and we will follow them up in class.

RWinc book bag book and completed reading record due in: Thursday

New books : Friday

Oxford owl:

You will have all received your Oxford Owl logins, there will be a quiz set on there for your child to complete by next Thursday



Reception children:

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Henry

For being such a good role model on our school trip, being so polite and asking lots of amazing questions!



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

Last week's attendance was 90%

Well done Everyone!

Oak Years 3-6

This week in Oak Class...

Welcome back to Autumn 2 – we hope you had a lovely half term. It was such a treat for us all to visit Paignton Zoo on Tuesday. We were very lucky to see all of the animals and even managed to say hello to Mo the sloth! A brilliant opportunity for the children to make links to their science learning too! We started our new English unit– writing a formal letter to Scrooge and we are continuing our maths unit – addition and subtraction. The children were very excited to begin our Design and Technology curriculum this week, thinking about their Christmas stocking designs and planning their joining techniques.



Look at these fantastic creations from art club this week – aren't they fabulous!



Home Learning

Home learning consists of reading, spellings, Maths and curriculum themed projects.

Reading

Reading is key to everything your child will do in school. At West Alvington, we want our children to be confident readers with a love of books. Your support with reading is essential. Children are expected to read at least four times a week with a parent.


Please record the name of the book your child has read and the pages they have read.

Home Learning

This week, I am sending home some science learning and investigations as an extension our first lesson this week. Please support the children with this at home. Due Thursday 14th November 2024. Thank you.

Spellings

Each week I will be setting the children spellings for them to learn. The children can practise these in school and at home for their assessment every Friday.

<p>Star of the Week!</p> 	<p>Star of the Week Lilly Louise For your valuable contributions during our lessons - you are very thoughtful. Thank you. School Christian Value Respect Ethan Roberts For your help and map reading skills during our zoo trip - thank you.</p>
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Last week's attendance was 91%

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Dates for your Diary

Monday 11th November- Remembrance Service @ Kingsbridge Memorial 11am – parents welcome

Friday 15th November – Children in Need – Dress in spotty or yellow £1 donation to CIN.

Friday 22nd November- Glow party after school

Friday 22nd November- Non Uniform £1 donation for FOWAA

Monday 9th December- Craft sale

Thursday 12th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 12th December @ 2.15pm - KS1/EYFS Nativity

Monday 16th December @ 10 am - Christingle and carols