



Courtenay Class Weekly Newsletter

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Home Learning

Look on Google Classroom for this week's home learning.

Stars of the week!



This week my star of the week is **Ruby P** for persevering and wanting to improve!

My value this week is **love**. My values star is **Ruby T** for thinking about ways we can love the world and look after it!

Reading award!

Kaylyn is my reading star of the week for her confidence and love for reading!

PE superstars

This week's PE superstars are **Isaac** and **Ruby T!**

Dear Parents and carers,

We have had another busy week in Courtenay class! As mathematicians, we have been thinking about multiplying and dividing by 10 or 100. The year 4s have also been very busy at TTRockstars Breakfast Club to help them with their times tables!

In PE, the children have started to think about creating routines with their different ways to travel and jumps. There was lots of different variety in the ways they jumped, travelled and turned to ensure their routine flowed!

As scientist, we have thought about creating switches and what would make a successful switch. I set them a task to use different material to create a switch that could open and close! Everyone jumped into this challenge and there was some wonderful discussion and experimenting.

This week's 'Words of the day' are:

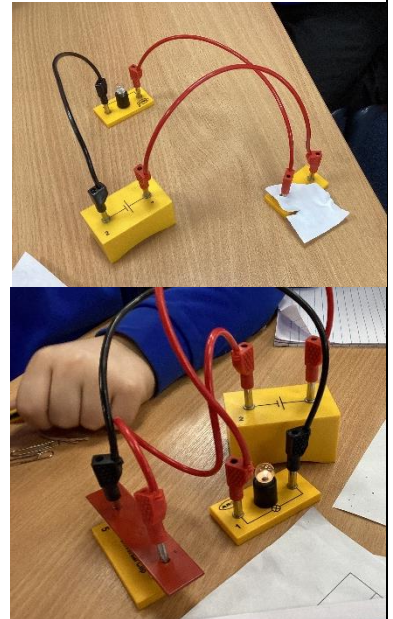


trickle, scheme, congeal, rid and reasonable.

The children have enjoyed learning a new word every day. We will continue with this short but fun activity daily and throughout the year. Remember, you can always write down new words in your reading logs so that you can refer to them in your writing.

Next week is **National Storytelling Week!** We will be having stories from a range of different people across the trust family and time throughout the week to share some of the children's favourite stories. Please can they bring the stories they would like to share and a teddy each day!

Have a restful weekend,
Miss Massey



A note from Mrs Secker

This week has unfortunately seen another spike in COVID cases. I hope that the letters and information I have sent out this week help to clarify some of the more confusing DFE guidance that is currently out there. We are working really hard in school to minimise the disruption to learning and to keep things going as 'normal'. Many schools in the Trust are much more badly hit and have had to move to remote learning due to significant staff absence. We are not at that point and currently confident we have enough staff to remain safe.

However there may be times that we are unable to answer the phone or return calls in the same day. If you have a message that you urgently need us to hear, please text or email Mrs Webber who will relay these to us even if she is not on site.

We also say a sad goodbye to Miss Burton on Monday. Miss Burton has been part of the Learning Academy Partnership for 13 years and has been an incredible maths lead and class teacher in two of our schools. Miss Burton is well loved by all of our children and will be greatly missed. I'm sure you all join me in wishing me the best of luck in her exciting new adventures. We will make sure she comes back to visit lots.

I would like to finish by saying that the children, as always, have coped incredibly with the constant changes and disruption caused by absences. I am so proud of their positivity, resilience and their love and care for each other.

Dates for your Diary

30th Jan – 4th Feb – National Storytelling Week. Children are invited to bring in their favourite book and a teddy to show and read to their class. They will all make their own book mark to take home. Suggested PTFA donation £1 per family.

4th Feb – David Lawrence, local Author visiting for a presentation and book sign

8th Feb – Year 4 Aesthetic Festival 10 – 12 Coombeshead Academy – CANCELLED

8th Feb – Year 4 and 5 Aesthetic Festival at ASM 9.30 – 11.30. Please come in wearing your PE kit.

9th Feb – Dan Magness, World Record Holder Football Freestyler and Entertainer visiting each class for workshops and displays.

18th February – PTFA non school uniform day. Suggested donation £1 per child

25th March – Mothers / Carers Day – PFTA to make gifts with the children. Suggested donation £1 per family.

3rd March – World Book Day

Office News

TERM DATES

Because of the additional Bank Holiday to celebrate the Queens Jubilee on 3rd June, the last day of summer term is Monday 25th July.

Community News

THAT FOODBANK

Our local foodbank have reached out and asked if we have any families who would like some help. If you would like a food hamper please let Mrs Webber know

TISSUES AND ISSUES

Tissues and Issues welcome parents/grandparents/carers living in Torbay and Devon. The child/ren you care for do not need to have received a diagnosis to attend this group. Tissues and Issues coffee mornings are a chance for parents/grandparents/carers with children that have additional needs/disabilities, to come together to have a relaxed chat with parents/grandparents/carers in a similar situation. It's a chance to meet new friends and for your children to make new friends too. During the coffee mornings the group will be inviting guest speakers, to find out more keep an eye on their Facebook group "Tissues and Issues" or telephone: 07796470009 E-mail tissuesandissues@outlook.com.

THE GOODIE BOX SCHEME

I wanted to let you know about 'The Goodie Box Scheme' which is running in February, where Devon County Council have 2200 recipe kit boxes available for families with young children who are experiencing financial difficulty or challenging circumstances. They hope to support families with children aged 0 - 5 years predominantly, but also welcome referrals for families with older, primary aged children.

Families will receive food for simple and delicious recipes delivered straight to your door, as well as a step-by-step guide on how to cook the recipes together as a family. The recipes are suitable for weaning age children and have modification suggestions to suit your tastes. The Goodie Box also contains a fun activity booklet and a growing kit to do together. If you are interested in the scheme please let Mrs Webber know.