



St. Andrew's C of E Primary Academy



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final half term of the academic year. We hope everyone enjoyed a restful half-term break and is ready for an exciting and busy few weeks ahead. With the arrival of some warmer weather, many classes will be making the most of outdoor learning opportunities as they embark on a range of engaging topics.

Little Acorns and Reception will be exploring water-related themes throughout the next seven weeks. The children in Little Acorns will be learning about different sea creatures and their habitats, discovering oceans, beaches and marine life from around the world. Their learning will be inspired by a range of wonderful fiction and non-fiction texts, including *There's a Shark in the Park*, *Commotion in the Ocean* and *Flip Flap Ocean*.

In Reception, children will enjoy learning through books such as *Enchanted Beach*, *The Big Book of the Blue*, *Clean Up!* and *Lifboat Crew*. They will investigate how coastal areas have changed over time and be introduced to scientists and explorers whose discoveries have helped us understand the wonderful world around us.

The children in Years 1 and 2 will be travelling back to Victorian times through *The Secret Diary of Jane Pinny*. They will learn about daily life during the Victorian era and use this as inspiration for their first block of writing. Later in the term, they will write biographies about Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria, before finishing the year by exploring poetry through the senses.

In Years 3 and 4, pupils will be learning about the history of Chard and how the town reflected wider national changes. They will discover the influence of John Stringfellow on the development of aviation and explore how his achievements helped shape Chard's identity and legacy.

Meanwhile, the children in Years 5 and 6 will continue their study of Ancient Greek culture and the Olympic Games. Having begun this fascinating learning journey during the spring term, they are eager to deepen their understanding of the lasting influence and legacy of this important period in history. Our oldest pupils are also beginning preparations for their end-of-year musical production, *Pirates Versus Mermaids*, and we are looking forward to seeing their hard work and creativity come to life on stage.

We are looking forward to an enjoyable and productive final half term, filled with exciting learning opportunities, memorable experiences and plenty to keep everyone busy. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to sharing the children's achievements with you over the coming weeks.

Best wishes,

Donna Butler (Head of School)

Save the dates!

FOS Colour Run – Saturday 13th June
Owls Class Worship – Tuesday 16th June at 3pm
Sports Day – Monday 22nd June at 1.15pm
Reserve Sports Day – Monday 29th June at 1.15pm
Foxes Class Summer Production – Wednesday 8th July (evening) Thursday 9th July (afternoon)
Hedgehogs Class Worship – Tuesday 14th July at 3pm
Year 6 Leavers' Service – Wednesday 22nd July at 2pm in St Andrew's church

Our Core Value
this half term is:

Respect

Summer 2 Clubs –

Monday – Ball Games (Rec-Y4) Mr Troman

Monday – Play Prep Club (Y5-Y6) Mrs Whitehead

Wednesday – Darch Martial Arts (Y2-Y6)

Thursday – Basketball and Netball (Y3 – Y6) Coach Chloe

Thursday – Forest School (all years) Primary Forest School

Friday lunchtime – Drawing Club (YR-Y2) Mr Band

After school childcare is also available Monday – Thursday 3.30-5.30pm

Thought for the Week:



Attendance – last week

Whole School – 93.32%



Classes:

Hedgehogs Class – R

Squirrels Class – Y1/2

Owls Class – Y3/4

Foxes Class – Y5/6