

Delabole Community Primary School Newsletter

February 2022

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Dear Parents/Carers

Our Enquiry Curriculum – Respect, What are our Roots?

Every class has delighted in being out and about this term learning beyond the classroom and making the most of our rich heritage and geography to enrich and deepen the children's learning, understanding and application of the value of Respect.



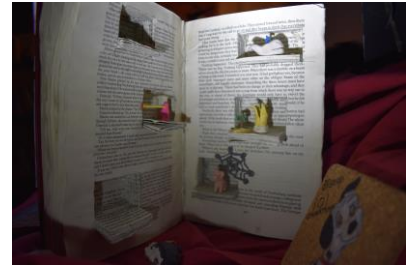
It is always so worthwhile to make every effort to learn beyond the classroom. Once again it would not be possible with the extra effort of the staff and our smashing volunteers who have driven, walked, waded and taken wholesome part in making the most of these opportunities for our children.

World Book Day - Home Learning – My Life in Books

Once again, the children have engaged brilliantly with their Home Learning across every classroom. Now, for their Home Learning, we will be asking every child to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March. This year to deepen everyone's engagement, conversations, and love of reading, we would like everyone to 'make' their own 'Life in Books'. It is a chance to creatively chart the books that have made us who we are in any

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creative way possible. All the teachers have made their own, Miss Honey, our English lead, has made a video to explain even more which we have added to Seesaw and will share on social media. We would certainly encourage everyone including family members to take part. Furthermore, we would like to invite the whole community into school at the end of the day to see, wonder and most importantly talk about the books that shape our lives.



Pupil Leadership Tribe

The Pupil Leadership Tribe has been busy collecting the voice of every child in the school. The survey results have opened up many conversations amongst the children and staff. It has highlighted many opportunities to make things even better. Next term, the Leadership Tribe will be busy coordinating Anti Bullying representatives in each class, a pupil led approach to mental health awareness, promoting sustainability, safer spaces in and out of school and fund-raising events amongst other opportunities.

Safer Internet Day

As a community, we need to be constantly mindful and vigilant about keeping our children digitally safe and enabling them to make safe choices. Across our curriculum and throughout the year, the children learn about how to do this. As part of this important learning, we took part in Safer Internet Day on the 8th February. This year's theme was Respect – All Fun and Games? Exploring Relationships and Respect Online. There was a whole school assembly using the book *Voices in the Park* which explored the children's understanding of safe spaces and strangers. In each of the classes, there was time spent exploring the children's relationships and own safe use of the digital environment.



You get some frightful
types in the park these
days! I called his name for
what seemed like an age.

FoDS Cake Sale

On Wednesday, the FoDS team are raising funds by treating us to some of their delectable delights. Please come along and support their Bake Sale in the front playground from 2.45pm. They are always looking for support so please make contact with any of the FoDS team for more information.



Aspire Trust Support – Hub Councillors - INSET

This term, we were able to welcome in support from across our Trust. Both the Maths and Early Years leadership teams have visited and spent time with the teachers and children. In advance of an upcoming Monitoring Day, our Hub Councillors Marianne Tapper and Anna Jenner visited the school and once again showed their commitment to our children and community. Our INSET day, this coming Friday 18th, will be spent together with our Tintagel team developing our approach to the curriculum.

Bikeability – The Highway Code

The younger children will be out on their bikes in force in the coming term. It is always a pleasure to see them develop their control, balance and coordination. As the weather improves, we will also make the most of our track.



It is equally fabulous to see more children and adults riding into school. Until we have a more bespoke place, we ask that the children use the shelter in the field to store their bicycles. Moreover, please ensure that the bikes are safe, and helmets are worn. Many may be aware already of the recent changes in the highway which will affect our riders. The 8 changes that everybody needs to be aware of are here. [The Highway Code: 8 changes you need to know from 29 January 2022 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/highway-code-changes-2022)

Deli Farm Run

We can confirm that this year the Deli Run will be back and with a bang. Our Cross-Country club has done very well so far this term with all the teachers helping. There are still spaces available for children to attend the Tuesday club. Hopefully, we will make a strong showing on the big day. As soon as we have a date confirmed, we will let everyone know so that they can tailor their training schedules accordingly...



Attendance

We have navigated the first part of the year well. We will continue to remain cautious in our approach to mitigating the impact of Covid within the school by maintaining our current procedures and protocols. Due to Covid, pupil and staff absences have been comparatively low. However, we have, of course also had a number of seasonal illnesses to contend with. Currently our level of attendance stands at 94%. Thank you to everyone for being committed to high attendance. We are aiming for this overall percentage to increase because we know that levels of attendance impact social, emotional and mental wellbeing as well as academic attainment.

Staffing

We would like to let you know, our Class 1 teaching assistant, Mrs Flanders has recently changed her name and will now be Ms Lovelle.

And finally

As ever, if you do want to speak to any of the team, please let us know at the gate in the morning or through Susan in the office. Please enjoy the break, find the time to enjoy our World Book Day challenge and we're already looking forward to the next term.

Best wishes,

The Delabole Team



Key Dates

Spring Term 2022	
Wednesday 16 th February	FODS Cake Sale 2.45 pm in the playground
Thursday 17 th February	Last day of Spring Term 1
Friday 18 th February	INSET day – school closed to pupils
Monday 28 th February	First day back of Spring Term 2
Wednesday 2 nd to Friday 4 th March	Year 4 & Reception Bikeability
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day
Wednesday 23 rd March	Year 3 & Year 4 Farm & Country Day
Friday 8 th April	Last day of Spring Term 2
Summer Term 2022	
Monday 25 th April	First day of Summer Term 1
Monday 9 th May – Friday 13 th May	SATS week
Tuesday 24 th May – Friday 27 th May	Y6 Bristol Residential
Friday 27 th May	Last day of Summer Term 1
Monday 6 th June	First day of Summer Term 2
Friday 10 th June	INSET day – school closed to pupils
Friday 22 nd July	Last day of Summer Term 2
Monday 25 th & Tuesday 26 th July	INSET days – school closed to pupils