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Dear Parents and Carers,

Flying with Strings Performance - Years One and Two

The children thoroughly enjoyed the puppetry performance of Treetop Circus. It was set in the woodlands of Dartmoor featuring the cast of a squirrel, bird and other woodland animals. Year 2 made their own moving puppets in the afternoon with the puppeteers from the production.

Nursery

The children in the nursery have been using their senses to explore nature.

Reception Parents and Carers Phonics Workshops

Come and join us for the workshops to find out more about how phonics is taught and the types of experiences your child will have on their reading journey. Please come to the reception area and you will be taken to your child's classroom.

Monday 12th October 2026 at 2.45 pm - Turtles

Tuesday 13th October 2026 at 5.00 pm - all parents and carers

Wednesday 14th October 2026 at 2.45 pm - Jellyfish

Harvest Singing for Parents and Carers

Parents and carers are invited to come along to your child's class on the following dates:

Tuesday 20th October at 2.15 pm - Turtles and Jellyfish

Wednesday 21st October at 2.15 pm - Giraffes and Swans

Thursday 22nd October at 2.15 pm - Zebras and Kingfishers

Harvest crafts will be available in Reception and Year One and the children in Year Two will be sharing the soup and bread that they have made.

NHS Supervised Toothbrushing Scheme - Nursery and Reception

The children in Nursery and Reception will shortly be starting the NHS Supervised Toothbrushing Scheme. Please could parents and carers complete and return to school the consent form that was sent home with children recently and complete the Parent Survey: <https://bigbrushclub.co.uk/parent-survey/>

Volunteers

We are very grateful to the volunteers that help us. If you would like to become a volunteer, please contact the school office.

Family Hub

The Family Hub will be holding a drop-in session at our school on Tuesday 13th October 9.00am - 10.00am. Please find us in the first classroom as you enter the school from the Marlborough Road entrance. This is a great opportunity for parents and carers to come along for an informal chat, find out about local services, and receive support and advice on a range of family needs.

Whether you are looking for information about parenting support, children's wellbeing, financial advice, or SEND support the Family Hub will be available to offer guidance and signpost you to the right services.

No appointment is needed, just drop in and say hello. We look forward to seeing you there!

Kind regards,



Claire Grant
Executive Headteacher

Diary Dates

Monday 12 th October	Turtles Class Parents and Carers Phonics Workshop - 2.45 pm
Tuesday 13 th October	All Reception Parents and Carers Phonics Workshop - 5.00pm
Tuesday 13 th October	Reception, 'Through the Seasons' Workshop, RHS Garden Rosemoor, Great Torrington
Wednesday 14 th October	Jellyfish Class Parents and Carers Phonics Workshop - 2.45 pm
Wednesday 14 th October	Year One, 'Through the Seasons' Workshop, RHS Garden Rosemoor, Great Torrington
Monday 19 th October	Whole School Music Workshops with Becki Driscoll
Tuesday 20 th October	Reception - Harvest Crafts and Singing for Parents and Carers - 2:15 pm
Wednesday 21 st October	Whole School Music Workshops with Becki Driscoll
Wednesday 21 st October	Giraffes - Harvest Crafts and Singing for Parents and Carers - 2:15 pm
Wednesday 21 st October	Swans - Harvest singing and sharing soup - 2:15 pm
Thursday 22 nd October	Zebras - Harvest Crafts and Singing for Parents and Carers - 2:15 pm
Thursday 22 nd October	Kingfishers - Harvest singing and sharing soup - 2:15 pm
Friday 23 rd October	Non-Pupil Day

Monday 26 th October – Friday 30 th October	Half Term
Monday 2 nd November	Return to School



Working On Concept Vocabulary

At school we have been working on understanding concept words e.g. in, on, under, wet, dry, fast, slow, first and last etc.



Your child is doing really well and would like to practise these skills at home with you.



Use the activity card(s) and pictures attached to help your child at home. You don't need to set aside a special 'homework' time. You can support your child with their understanding at any time as you go about your usual day. Try to use any new words as many times as possible in lots of different situations. You may need to explain the meanings of the new words for your child as you go along,



e.g. 'Put your shoes on **first** and then get your coat.'

'That means you put your shoes on (pause while child puts shoes on)

That's right, now put your coat on next.

Well done, you put your shoes on **first**!



When your child makes a mistake explain to them what they have to do. He or she will probably need to hear instructions a few times.

Remember to give your child lots of encouragement. It is not easy to listen and remember new words.



School would love to hear how you are getting on when you collect your child or keep a notebook to share.



Thank you for your support.





Big Ted Little Ted



This game is to help your child learn to follow short instructions that involve the words **first** and **last**.

You will need a big and little soft toy. Teddy bears are good for this game. You will also need a sponge or a flannel. Tell your child that you are going to pretend to give the teddies a bath. Give your child instructions to wash different parts of the toys using the words **first** and **last**.

e.g. 'Wash little teddy's tummy **first** and then his toes.'

'Wash big teddy's nose **first** and then his ears.'

Remember to let your child be teacher and give you instructions to follow. You may need to remind him or her to tell you which toy to wash and what part to wash. Try to encourage your child to tell you both things in one sentence. See if your child can spot your 'mistakes'.

Variations:

To make this game easier get your child to copy what you have done.

To make this game harder use more toys and introduce a towel to dry parts of their body.

