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# THE FRIDAY LETTER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF DUNANNIE SCHOOL



Dear Parents

I hope that you all had a wonderful half term break. It feels very autumnal now we have embarked on the second half of term although we've been lucky to have the sun shining on us for most of the week. It was the perfect weather for our coffee morning for new starters which took place in the orchard on Thursday morning. Thank you to all who managed to attend. It was great to hear your feedback and to have the opportunity to chat about your experiences so far at Dunannie.

On Monday, Year 3 had their first swimming gala against St Ives which was a huge success. The children all swam incredibly well (please see the photo further on in the newsletter) and a great time was had by all.

This week in our assemblies we have been talking to the children about Guy Fawkes Night and why we celebrate it, plus all the fun things that go alongside the celebration, particularly the firework displays and bonfires that take place each year, as well as covering the Firework Safety Code. I hope that lots of you are able to attend the Dunhurst Fireworks this evening as it should be a great event. Our FODs will be there selling spooky cupcakes and huge thank you to everyone who donated cakes and helped with the stall.

On Wednesday, Nursery visited the Science labs at Bedales and had an explosive time with Bedales students 'Whizz, Bang & Pop' session in their Chemistry lesson. Thank you to Liz Stacy for facilitating this visit - the children really enjoyed their experience.

On Thursday, we had Polar Bear Day at Dunannie. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations to this wonderful charity - we raised £168 - and you can see all the fantastic photographs of the children in their polar bear inspired outfits further on in the newsletter.

We have several events taking place up until the end of term so please have a look at the calendar in the newsletter. The children have already started working on their songs for the Nursery/Reception Nativity on 1st December and the Years 1-3 Christmas Carols in the Lupton Hall on 9th December. We are so hopeful that we can invite you in to watch these performances live so please put the dates in your diary.

Please note that the deadline for Love in a Box is Monday 15th November. Please bring your filled boxes into school on or before this date if you would like to take part.

If you have any unwanted tracksuit bottoms for girls or boys that we can use, we would be very grateful to receive them. We seem to have a huge lack of them at the moment and they're really useful to have in school.

Lastly, it was wonderful to see our Reception class featured in the Petersfield Post on 20th October - what a gorgeous bunch!

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Warmest wishes

Fiona



# NURSERY



The Nursery came back after the half term break with a Fizz, Bang, Pop!

We had a fantastic time being scientists in the chemistry lab with Liz and some of her students, watching strange coloured flames and long snakes growing from the fire, before we made some great

pops of our own. Do take a look at our Instagram or Twitter posts to see some of the exciting things we did.

We have followed up back in the classroom, talking about Diwali and Bonfire night both of which feature fireworks and happening this week.

## NURSERY



We have been looking at the lavender harvested this year. After stripping the scented seeds from the stalks we investigated the sewing machine and used it to make some bags which we filled with lavender. We loved using the pedal to make the motor on the sewing machine push the needle up and down. We are thinking what we would like to make next!

# RECEPTION



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Reception have enjoyed a week of celebrations! We read the story Immi and learnt about the Arctic and the animals that live there. Using junk, we modelled igloos and decorated them like Immi's. They are so beautiful. It was lots of fun to be polar bears for the day, pretending to be in Immi's story!

We made diya lamps and rangoli patterns for Diwali and found ways to make fireworks dance in a science experiment!



## YEAR 1



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For Year 1, Polar Bear Day launched their Geography enquiry, 'How can humans help the polar bear?' After using sketching and play to familiarise themselves with polar bears, they each wrote a question that would guide them towards a solution.

# YEAR 1



How can humans help the polar bear?  
What do we need to know in order to answer this question?

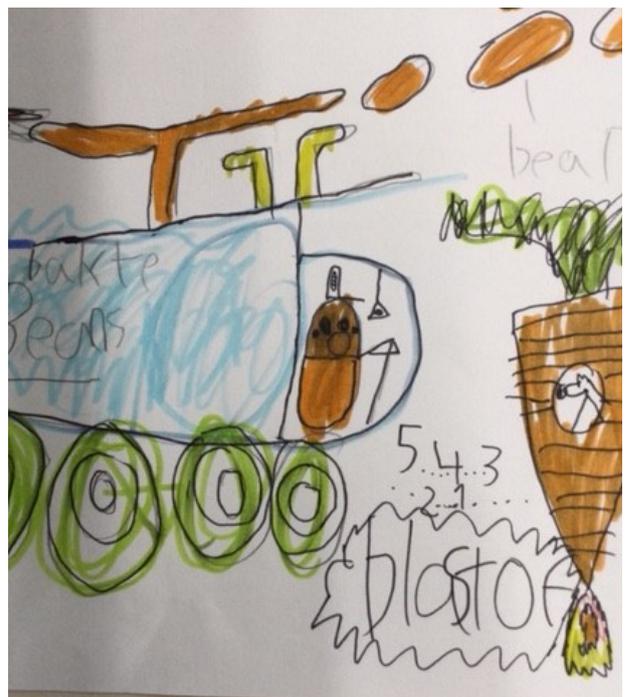
How do they catch fish?  
How do they stop fish escaping?  
How big?  
Who explored?  
How big are the cubs?  
What do they eat?  
How do we stop the ice melting?

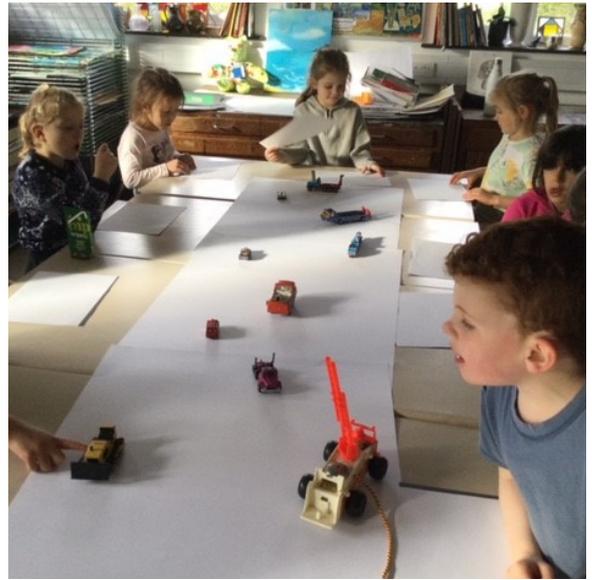


What are the dayviers?  
What noise do they make?  
How can we keep the arctic cold?  
How can they swim?  
Why do they hunt?  
What scents them? do humans scent them?  
What is their fur like?  
What color is their blood?  
What do they live?  
do they have predators?

## YEAR 2

IT'S ABOUT TRAVEL AND VEHICLES IN YEAR 2. WE BEGAN BY THINKING ABOUT ALL THE DIFFERENT WAYS YOU CAN TRAVEL FROM PLACE TO PLACE -ONE GROUP THOUGHT OF OVER FORTY, INCLUDING A ROCKET AND SUBMARINE. LATER IN THE WEEK WE WENT OVER TO DUNHURST AND HAD A FABULOUS ART LESSON LED BY SUSAN; WE LOOKED AT TOY VEHICLES AND THE WONDERFUL ILLUSTRATIONS OF RICHARD SCARRY, AND THEN DREW OUR OWN INVENTIVE VEHICLES.





## YEAR 3SR



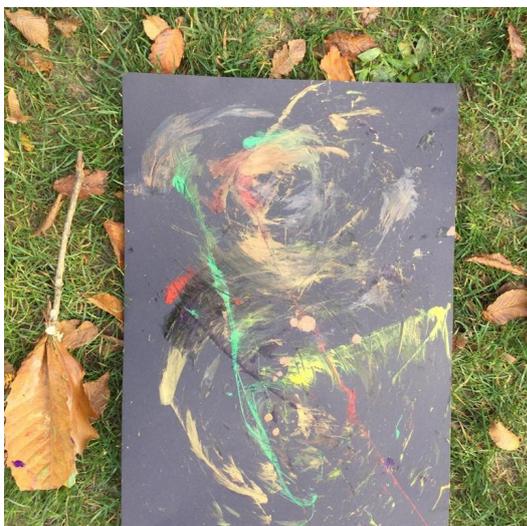
Year 3SR have been learning about light in our science lesson. We shone light from a torch through various materials to see which allowed the light to pass through. Our key words transparent, translucent and opaque. Ask us what they mean!

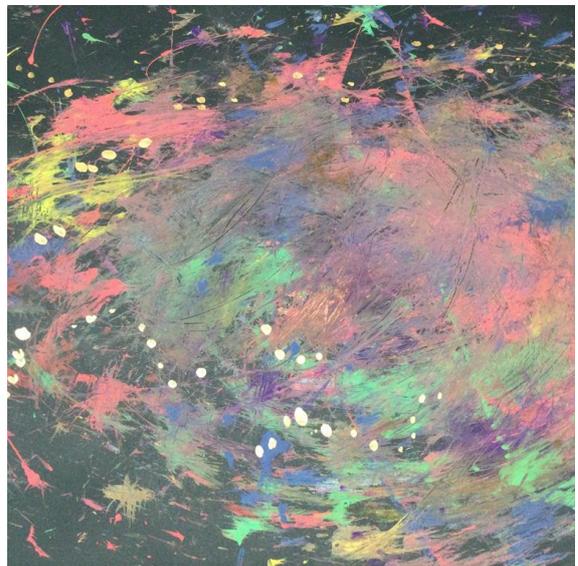
## YEAR 3CC

OUR MATHS THIS WEEK HAS BEEN INVESTIGATING HOW TIME IS MEASURED AND READ ON DIFFERENT TYPES OF CLOCKS AND WATCHES. FROM LOOKING AT CIRCLES AND SPIRALS, WE EXPLORED THESE SHAPES IN NATURE AND OUR ENVIRONMENT, AND RECREATED DOUBLE SPIRALS BACK IN THE CLASSROOM.

YEAR 3 ARE THINKING ABOUT HOW WE REMEMBER SPECIAL THINGS LIKE HISTORICAL EVENTS AND RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS, AND THIS WEEK WE JOINED IN A LIVE STREAM EVENT FOR DIWALI WITH AUTHOR SWAPNA HADDOW AND ENJOYED THE PUPPET STORIES AND MADE DIWALI DECORATIONS - AT THE SAME TIME!

REMEMBERING GUY FAWKES AND RECOGNISING HOW TRADITIONS ARE SHAPED BY HISTORY LED TO CREATING OUR OWN FIREWORK DISPLAY. WE MADE NATURAL BRUSHES WITH FOUND MATERIALS IN THE ORCHARD, AND USED THESE TO CREATE EXPLODING SPIRALS OF PAINT FOR OUR FIREWORK DISPLAY!





## PE, GAMES & SWIMMING



In gymnastics this week Year 1 focused on finding different ways of travelling over obstacles, using different parts of their body. In Year 2 & 3 the children were working on developing their balances, showing strength and control.



On Monday Year 3 had their first swimming Gala v St Ives School. The children were very excited and there were some excellent performances. St Ives won by just 3 points. Year 3 were really motivated and determined in their swimming lessons on Wednesday.



## BUSHCRAFT



Reception class looked at manmade and natural bird habitats. Visiting birds in their natural habitats and the chicks that had been hatched in an incubator.

# BUSHCRAFT



Year 1 harvested apples from the orchard and prepared them to make a tasty apple cobbler on the fire. Yum!

## POLAR BEAR DAY



All the children in Reception up to Year 3 dressed up in Polar Bear inspired outfits today to raise funds for our charity. Thank you all for your generous donations.



## CALENDAR & EVENTS

Date	Start	End	Description	Location
11-Nov-21	08:30	08:45	Dunannie Remembrance Assembly	
15-Nov-21			Dunannie: The Wintertide Bear Book Launch	
16-Nov-21	15:45	16:15	Dunannie Performers' Platform *Parents Invited	Library (DUE)
18-Nov-21	10:30	14:00	Dunannie Y2 Trip to Milestones Museum	
19-Nov-21	15:30	15:30	Dunannie Long Leave Weekend starts (no Late Swallow Club)	
19-Nov-21			Children In Need	
29-Nov-21			Dunannie Book Fair	
30-Nov-21	16:30	17:00	Dunannie Christmas Lights Switch on	Dunannie
30-Nov-21	10:00	10:30	Dunannie Nativity Dress Rehearsal (N/Rec)	
30-Nov-21			Dunannie Book Fair	
01-Dec-21	09:30	10:00	Dunannie Nativity (N/Rec) *Parents Invited	Dunannie
01-Dec-21	09:00	16:00	Whole School Flu Immunisation	
01-Dec-21			Dunannie Book Fair	
01-Dec-21			Dunannie Flu Immunisations	Sam Banks Pavilion
02-Dec-21			Dunannie Book Fair	
08-Dec-21	09:00	15:00	Dunannie Christmas Carols Rehearsals	Lupton Hall (R001)
09-Dec-21	14:15	15:30	Dunannie Christmas Carols *Parents Invited	Lupton Hall (R001)
09-Dec-21	19:00	23:00	London Christmas Party for Parents	
09-Dec-21	08:45	09:30	Year 1 Class Assembly for parents	Dunannie Library
10-Dec-21	10:30	12:30	Dunannie Open Morning	
10-Dec-21			Dunannie Christmas Jumper Day	
14-Dec-21	15:45	17:00	Dunannie Christmas Disco (Y1-3)	Dunannie
14-Dec-21	12:00	12:30	Dunannie Christmas Lunch	
15-Dec-21	13:30		Dunannie Term Ends	