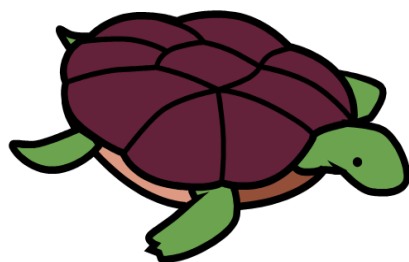




**Dear Parents and Carers,**  
Happy New Year!

We have enjoyed a really successful start to 2020 with both adults and children getting stuck into some new learning with enthusiasm and excitement. On Monday, all staff throughout the school headed off around North West Bristol to be involved in Inset workshops with colleagues from the NW24 schools. These included ideas about curriculum development, supporting the well-being of children in our care as well as developing the teaching subject areas of PSHE and vocabulary.

We have a commitment to continued school development and evaluation of practice; always striving for the best fits, with this terms Jigsaw focus 'Dreams and Goals'. Children in all classes have begun to think about successes and achievements of their classes and selves as individuals and what it means to set goals. We also set a whole school goal with the children for making sure our *books are beautiful*; ensuring standards of presentation in all we do is high. We want to instill a sense of pride in childrens' recorded learning as well as reminding children that we record our ideas as a way of sharing and celebrating our thoughts. The Elli character we are using to help us to achieve our goals is the tortoise who reminds us of the importance of 'sticking at things'- being a resilient learner.



Learning throughout the school this term has a Geography theme. This was evident in the texts

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introduced in classes this week. Reception have been sharing the story 'Going on a Bear Hunt'. I was lucky enough to pop in to be part of the props session to support the understanding of the text and enjoyed wearing a furry jacket, big boots and an Indiana Jones-style explorers hat!



In Year 2 children have been introduced to Oliver Jeffers 'The Way Back Home' and used this to make links with their Earth and Space topic. Year 1 have been developing UK knowledge as part of their Our World topic and will be using the text 'Dinosaurs and all that Rubbish' to explore how we look after our environment. More of this in the year group news below as well as the blog on the website.

We are please to welcome a new member of the office staff team Hannah Walker. She will be working each morning to support our current team. We have three other new adults to welcome across the school who will be working in different classes to support children; Lindsay Smedley, Alisha Burns and Taylor Sansum. Their posts are linked to the absence of one staff member through ill health and to the moving on of Jane Allen who has made the exciting decision to go to live in France.

We are sure this term is going to continue in the positive way it has begun and thank you for your continued support. Have a great weekend.

Best Wishes

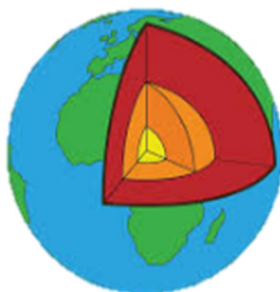
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## YEAR GROUP HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

**Reception:** have been planning expeditions and exploring the bear caves that have arrived in their classroom. There has been much excitement about bear spotting and talk of different types of bears.

**Year 1:** children have been learning which countries make up the UK and where we live in the UK. They have also been thinking about their class and individual goals.

**Year 2:** have been developing their knowledge of the Earth's layers by making plasticine models building up from the core, through the mantle to the crust.



**The Pupil Premium** - If you are on a low income or entitled to benefits the school may be able to access funding called Pupil Premium. This fund enables us to provide opportunities for children to enhance their learning. It is also important that we are aware if your child is adopted or comes from a forces family as this also enables access to the fund. Any enquiries are treated in confidence, so please come to the office to collect a permission form enabling the school to ascertain if you are eligible.

### Safeguarding declarations for parent volunteers/Reading Rangers

If you are a regular volunteer in school you will be asked to sign a safeguarding declaration when you are next in school. In order to do so, you are required to have read and understood the following documents:

- **Keeping Children Safe in Education (September 2019)**
- **Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy (October 2019)**

- **Staff Code of Conduct**
- **Henleaze Infant School Acceptable Use of IT agreement**

These are at the bottom of the Policies page of the school website. We appreciate your assistance with this.

### Amazon Wish list

Many thanks for your continued generosity with our Amazon Wish List. We are really grateful for your donations and the children love using them. Here are the current items requested by teachers in the 2019-20 folder:-

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/JK1X4IKEMU9B/ref=cm\\_go\\_nav\\_hz](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/JK1X4IKEMU9B/ref=cm_go_nav_hz)

Please bring any items you order to the office and we will distribute them to the classes. Thank you!

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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| <b>Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>                  | <b>FHIS Winter Disco</b>                           |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> Mar</b> | <b>Parents' Evening</b>                            |
| <b>Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>                  | <b>FHIS Quiz and Curry night</b>                   |
| <b>Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>                 | <b>FHIS Easter Egg Hunt</b>                        |
| <b>Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Apr</b>                  | <b>Year 1 Play 9.15am</b>                          |
| <b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>                 | <b>Class photos</b>                                |
| <b>Fri 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>                  | <b>Bank Holiday<br/>75th anniversary of VE Day</b> |
| <b>Sat 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>                 | <b>May Fair</b>                                    |
| <b>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Jun</b>                 | <b>Yr 2 Shuffle Up Day to HJS</b>                  |
| <b>Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>                 | <b>Sports Day</b>                                  |
| <b>Tue 30<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>                 | <b>Open Evening</b>                                |
| <b>Thu 16<sup>th</sup> Jul</b>                 | <b>Yr 2 Leavers' Assembly 9.15am</b>               |

Please see the online calendar here:

[http://www.henleaze-inf.bristol.sch.uk/?page\\_id=55](http://www.henleaze-inf.bristol.sch.uk/?page_id=55)

## **COMMUNITY MESSAGES**

### **HENSA NEWS**

The first meeting to plan our campus May Fair is taking place on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan at 8pm in the Junior School staff room**. Please come along and find out how you can contribute to the biggest fundraiser of the year. If you are interested in joining the Committee but unable to make the meeting, please get in contact with Clare Savvas ([claresavvas@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:claresavvas@hotmail.co.uk)) or Eric Livingston ([eric.livingston@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:eric.livingston@yahoo.co.uk)). We are keen to hear from anyone with big ideas....or small ideas....especially those with children in the infants, as the existing committee is predominately made up of Junior parents and carers whose children are reaching their final years at the school.

**Ali's Get Dancing After School Dance Club.** Ali's Get Dancing Club is looking for children of all primary ages to join this term! Tuesdays after school until 4.30pm. Working towards the annual 'Stages' show held in March. No experience in dance necessary only enthusiasm. All ranges of music and dance styles explored. For further info contact Ali on [aligetdancing@gmail.com](mailto:aligetdancing@gmail.com) or phone 07795215319 to book your child a place.

**French Club** - If your child would like to try French Club this term, please contact Anna-Kate on [admin@clubs4kids.com](mailto:admin@clubs4kids.com) or 07375306881. A bientôt x

### **The Hideaway Forest School Club**

Did you know that The Hideaway forest school club deliver forest school to each child in their reception year at school and we also have two childcare offerings for you.

**Option 1** is Forest school Club held on HIS school grounds every Thursday 3.30 - 5pm. Bookings for each session can be found here <https://www.hideawayforest.com/henleaze-after-school-forest-club>

**Option 2** is Forest school club held at our own site off Eastfield terrace. We collect your child from school at 3.30pm and walk them to our site where you can collect at 5.45pm. Our sessions involve a circle time, a healthy snack often cooked on the fire and free exploration of natural activities including mud painting, digging, music making, role play in leaf kitchen, den building, pond dipping, climbing, swinging, bug hunting and much much more..... We are fortunate to spend most of each session outdoors in the fresh air but have the luxury of onsite toilet facilities, kitchen, shelter and lights. We have access to inside space to enjoy games, sports, craft and cold day activities. Bookings can be found here <https://www.hideawayforest.com/hideawayafterschoolclub>

At present we are able to offer adhoc childcare days if you are in need of occasional childcare.

### **Pilates at Golden Hill Sports Pavilion**

#### **Tuesdays 9.30am and 10.30am (term time)**

Group classes for all abilities

Develop core strength - Increase flexibility - Improve posture - Rehab from injury

A mindful movement system that supports your overall wellbeing

Contact Nicola on T: 07500 962 821

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**Remember – please park considerately if you are driving to school. Do not use the staff car park or obstruct our neighbour's driveways. Thank you.**