



## 'Be kind, be curious, be you'

### 27th September 2024 Bulletin

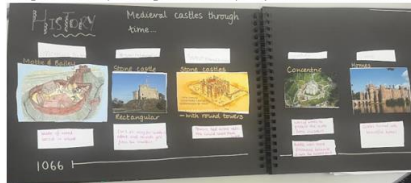
#### Headteacher update:

This term across the school there is a curriculum focus on history. As I visit classes in each year group across the school, I have the joy of seeing the learning build as children learn different steps in the knowledge sequence.

In just one hour of the school day today, I saw a Reception class engaging in sorting and classifying activity (getting into groups according to different criteria); the other Reception class talking about their 'families' display, sharing stories about when they were little (demonstrating early understanding of chronology). Then in Year 1, children were engaging in an ordering number 'Rainbow Challenge' whilst others were creating a first timeline of their personal history. Finally, in Year 2, children were identifying features of castles through observation and classification, then using this to order them on a timeline. What a perfect illustration of how the steps in learning grow.



As part of the Knights and castles topic Year 2 are learning about the changes in castle design over time; looking at materials, shape and defence features.



Year 1 are developing their understanding of ordinal numbers, counting forwards and backwards. They are also creating a timeline of their own history.



#### Coming up:

- Year 1 Trip next week
- Year 2 Trip Week 6
- Phonics-Learn-a-Longs Week 7

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- Daffodil Class: Theo**
- Cherry Class: Harry**
- Maple Class: Emilia**
- Sycamore Class: Chester**
- Willow Class: Kit**

#### Class of the Week:

**Maple Class** for going 'above and beyond' expectations in their learning and behaviour

**Congratulations everyone!**



Please come along to the FHIS meeting on Monday 30th September at



Reception are sharing information about their families; getting to know each other by talking about their own history.

As a school we are focused on ensuring that each subject within our curriculum is as strong as it can be and every year we turn our focus to one or two 'spotlight subject' to more closely examine what is in place. Last year, there was a larger focus on computing and writing, this year we have turned our attention to science and within maths, how we teach number facts. As we are now collaborating with other CST schools, we are taking the opportunity to learn from other schools' strengths. From this we are implementing a new science curriculum that we believe is better sequenced and as ambitious as our previous one. Throughout the year we hope to inspire and excite children through their science learning and hope this is reflected in their conversations at home.

Please see the blogs linked below to help you to engage with what your child has been learning this week and to hear important messages from teachers.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best Wishes,

Gemma Fricker

Photos and information about what has been happening in classes, the learning plans as well as important messages from teachers are all found in the class blogs ([click below](#))

### **Important Messages:**

Parent forum reps:

Thank you to those parents/carers who have volunteered to be Class forum Reps this year; agreeing to a short coffee and catch up with me each term to discuss themes arising in the parent community or school. I have reps for two classes so far and would really like to have someone from each class.

7.30pm (Sunflower Room at school) to find out more about fundraising. We welcome new parents and friends to keep raising vital funds for the school!

**The Autumn Extravaganza** is on Saturday 12th October at 2.30-4.30pm! The team are collecting small toys after school today for the lucky dip.

**Henleaze Community Fireworks** will be on Saturday 9th November. Ticket sales will commence at the Autumn Extravaganza and then in the playground and at the various vendors from 14th October!

Click [here](#) for more news on the FHIS webpage:

If you think you could spare 15 minutes, once per term, please email or pop into the school office.

Thank you, Gemma Fricker

#### Planned Absence Forms

Our attendance information on the school website has been updated to reflect national policy changes. We have also moved for the online form to a [downloadable form](#) for parents to complete to inform the school of a planned absence. This change is to enable us to collect the information needed to make a decision as to whether the absence can be authorised or not. Printed copies are available from the school office on request.

To book breakfast club, after school club or sports enrichment click [here](#). To see more enrichment opportunities visit our [extra-curricular clubs page](#).

#### Breakfast Club

Weekdays 8.00am – 8.45am



School's Out Henleaze

