



Warbstow Primary Academy and Nursery

Small and mighty is the Warbstow Way

NEWSLETTER 8 Friday 3rd November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to your weekly newsletter, at the end of a very wild week weather wise! Thank you for your patience with our delayed opening yesterday. The staff and children arrived at school safely and got stuck into their learning, not much can deter us! Warbstow really is small and mighty!

We have been delighted to welcome Harry from Bude Golf Club into school this week, he will be leading our PE lessons this half term. All of the children will develop their skills in tri golf. It is an exciting opportunity for our children to participate in a new sport and be coached by a golf pro!



As you know we continually strive to improve the learning experiences of the children ensuring that they are making as much progress as they can, one such way is the practice of key spelling words. This week we introduce our new spelling system. If your child is in Years 1 – 6 they will today come home with our new spelling home work system.

Each week (this week is week 1) we expect your child to practice the listed spellings ready for a quick testing exercise on Monday. The aim is for your child to become fluent in spelling the key words associated with their year group. We don't just expect them to get them correct in a test, rather, use them correctly in their general writing. All of the instructions are made clear on the sheet. Please do keep the sheet safe at home.

Spellings Year 4 Autumn 2			Spelling activities			
Spelling tests will be taken each Friday. Three words will be chosen and dictated to the children in sentence to see how the children can apply their newly learnt spellings for that week.			Easy as ABC... Write all your words in alphabetical (ABC) order. 	Part of a whole... Write your words into different syllables using different colours! 	On the other hand... Use the hand you don't usually write with to practice your spellings! 	In the spotlight... Write the consonants in one colour, vowels in the other. (Vowels: a, e, i, o, u)
Week 1 Statutory spellings centre century certain circle complete consider	Week 2 Prefix auto- automobile autograph autoque autopilot autobiography automatic	Week 3 Statutory spellings continue decide describe different difficult disappear	Like an Egyptian... Write your word in a pyramid. pyg pyre pyramid pyramidal	Your money or... "Write" words using a newspaper or magazine to cut them out. Use a random note! 	Come rain or shine... Write each letter of the word in a different colour to create a rainbow! 	Let's be silly... Write a sentence which uses all of your words in it!
Week 4 Suffix -ly heroically automatically heavily angrily rudely cheekily	Week 5 Statutory spellings early earth eight eighth enough exercise	Week 6 Prefix inter- intergalactic internet interact interlock international intermediate	Tell me a story... Draw a small picture showing your word, then write a sentence about it! 	Blowing bubble e... Write all your words in bubble writing! 	20 Questions... Use half your spellings to write a question... then use the other half to answer them! 	Rhyme Time... Write three words which rhyme with each spelling word.
			Send, James Bond... Create a code. Write your words in the code. Can someone else crack them? e.g. a = q b = * c = # 	Synonym/Antonym Synonym - means the same Antonym - the opposite Write one of each for each of your words! 	That's backwards... Write your spelling words backwards! 	You're a joker... Write each word into a joke! Tell them out to someone nearby...

We understand this weekend is a quick turnaround for the application exercise on Monday, please just try your best. From next week you will have a whole week! Start practising again on Monday for week 2. I hope you all have a lovely weekend, Mrs Bancroft

Positive behaviour in school

Each year we review our Behaviour Policy and make any improvements that are needed. We are very pleased with how the 'ready to learn' system is working – it celebrates and promotes positive choices and actions. The children are rewarded with being placed on excellent choices, role model or star student. This week I have had many visits from role models, it is wonderful to see how proud the children are and to have their efforts recognised.



Year 5 and 6 were very pleased with how they mastered long division this week. I have also celebrated some excellent progress in phonics, super star reading, excellent attitudes to work and brilliant teamwork skills.

We focus on the positive in school, we aim for each child to feel proud and all their efforts celebrated. There are many house points up for grabs and already our teams have earned over 1400 house points each this term!

This half term's value...

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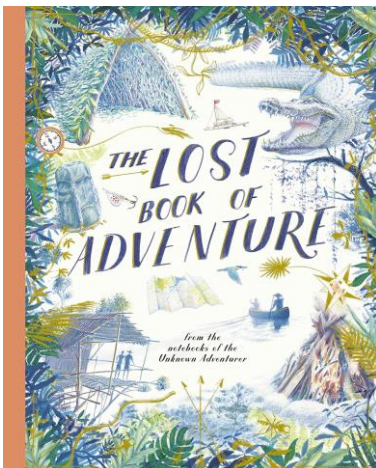
This week in assembly we opened a big parcel that kept us guessing... many layers with many questions! As we start our new curious questions we talked about the sorts of questions we will ask to be curious learners. And what was in the box...?

Phonics and reading parent information session

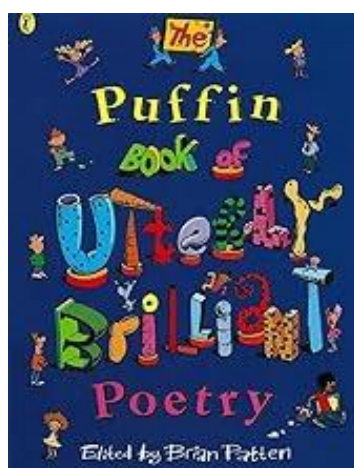
I would like to invite parents to a phonics and reading information session on 20th November at 2.30pm. This is your opportunity to hear how we teach reading across the school. We are very much looking forward to being able to offer an additional Read Write Inc group from December and I will explain how this will benefit our earliest readers – the children in EYFS and KS1. Until then our groups will remain the same.

Our recommendation...

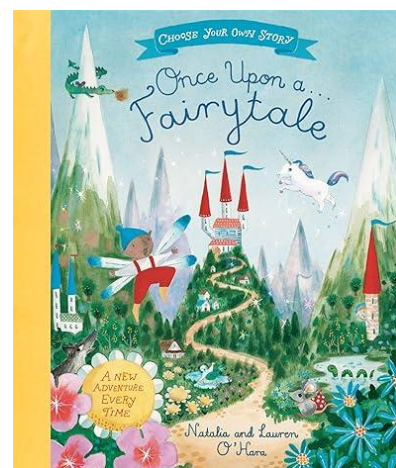
Some beautiful books have been used to enhance and support our teaching this week...



Earhart Class



Attenborough Class



Paddington Class

BBC 500 words competition

For all our budding authors the BBC are promoting their story writing competition – write a story in 500 words. Children of all abilities are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to **write a story they would love to read** without the pressure of having to worry about spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

Follow the link here for more information <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/about-500-words/zctk7v4>

KS2 1 Multi Skills

Pupils in Year 1 & 2 are invited to a multi skills festival run by LJD Coaching at Stratton Primary School on Monday 13th November, 4 - 5.30pm. If your child wishes to participate, please sign them up via ParentPay.

Things you need to know for next week

Tuesday and Thursday – Parent Consultation meetings – booking required via Arbor

Tuesday – Y3/4 swimming. Bring swim wear and towel.

Tuesday – PAFC after school club.

Wednesday – **Earhart** Wild Tribe, wellies and waterproofs required. If your child does not have the kit they will be unable to participate.

Thursday – Craft club.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

All next week we will be collection for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Traditional poppies along with wristbands, key rings and zip pulls will be available before and after school.

Dates

7th Nov – Parents Consultation Meetings

9th Nov – Parents Consultation Meetings

13th Nov, 4-5.30pm – KS1 Multi Skills Festival at Stratton Primary School

20th Nov, 2.30pm – Parents Phonics session

22nd Nov – Earhart trip to Eden Project

1st Dec – PTA Willow Wreath making

5th Dec, 6pm – Paddington and Attenborough Christmas Play

12th Dec, 2pm – Christingle Service

13th Dec – Christmas Lunch

15th Dec, 3.30-5pm – Christmas Disco

20th Dec-3rd Jan – Christmas Break

9th Feb – INSET Day

12th-16th Feb– Half Term

29th Mar-12th Apr – Easter Break

15th Apr – INSET Day

27th -31st May – Half Term

7th June – Community Cohesion Day, school closed for pupils

24th July – Last day of term