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# EAST-THE-WATER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

We have had lots of trips and visitors across the school over the past few weeks and we are so proud of how well the children have represented the school and community.

We are also really pleased to have been selected as one of only 12 schools across the country to take part in an All-Party Parliamentary Group for Education Inquiry on the loss of love for learning. Please see the extract from the letter we received acknowledging the amazing school and community we have!

‘There are schools in England where children want to learn, teachers want to teach and parents/carers are pleased with how their children are doing. Your school has been identified as one of these remarkable institutions.’

Well done to everyone for their hard work – one of 12 schools across the country and the only school in Devon is quite an achievement.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

Our school council members have been extremely busy running a successful reading zone at break and lunch times; attending meetings to discuss new project ideas and talking to their fellow pupils to gather ideas about what fundraising events they would like to attend. Based on what pupils have voted as most popular, the School Council will be hosting a fundraising event in the next few weeks to raise money for new books that have been suggested to them by their peers.

## Key Dates

The last day of term is Friday  
19<sup>th</sup> December

Back to school Monday 5th  
January

Please refer to your fridge  
letter for your year group  
dates





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# BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

We had the most amazing day celebrating Children in Need. The children completed the runpudsey event in the hall with lots of different activities such as dancing like Pudsey, hula hooping and running ladders. They had to run between the stations to complete the event. We raised the most we have ever raised for Children in Need with the total: £6065.56!! Thank you to everyone who donated and well done to all of the children!



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## YEAR 4 PERFORMANCE POETRY

Year 4 have had an exciting week rehearsing for their poetry recital. They performed two poems; 'Don't' by Michael Rosen and 'The Jabberwocky' by Lewis Carroll. The children worked hard on their expression, articulation and projection of the poems to refine their performance. They performed to their adults on Monday, who were blown away by their confidence and talent.

The Royal British Legion have been in touch to say a big thank you for all the fundraising efforts. Our school raised an amazing:

# £485.36



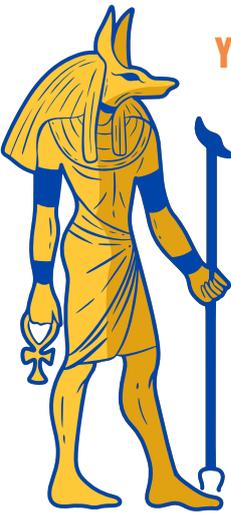
## YEAR 2 GREAT FIRE OF LONDON DAY

On this day, Year 2 pretended to be the King's baker and baked some delicious bread rolls. They made some 3D Tudor houses and produced some amazing artwork which showed the scene of the great fire. We all had such a fantastic day and the children all looked great in their costumes!



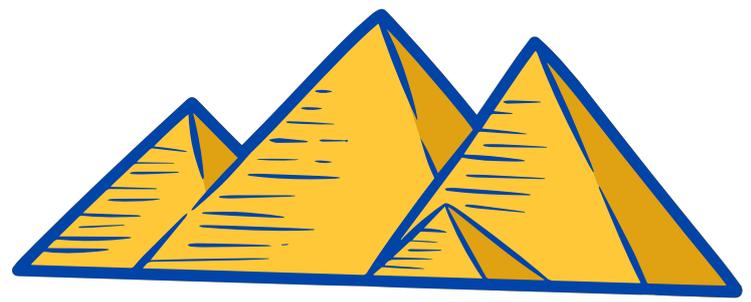


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## YEAR 4 EGYPTIAN DAY

Year 4 had a wonderful Egyptian Day this half term. The children came in to school dressed as ancient Egyptians and took part in a number of activities arranged by an archaeologist. Year 4 looked at artefacts, played Egyptians games, acted out the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb and much more. To end the day Year 4 performed the mummification process to some other classes. They thoroughly enjoyed their day and learnt so much about the ancient Egyptians.



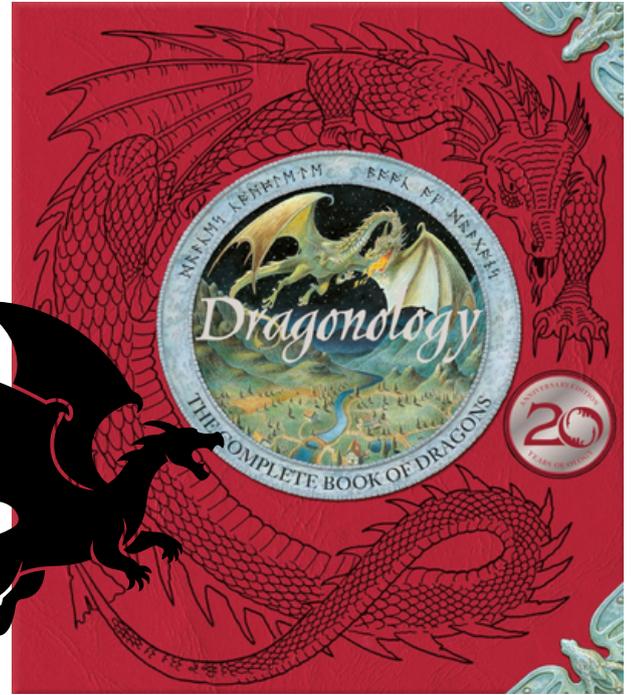
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## YEAR 6 LITERACY

This term, Year 6 have been inspired by the book 'Dragonology' to develop their formal writing skills. Pupils are exploring the mysterious world of dragons, using detailed vocabulary and imaginative techniques to bring these mythical creatures to life. They are very keen to plan and create their own page for the book, and have been busy carefully crafting sentences to engage the reader while coming across as real experts. We are very excited to see what wonderful creatures they write about for their page.



## YEAR 5 KENT'S CAVERN TRIP

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November, Year 5 took a 'step back in time' to the prehistoric ages. We visited Kents Cavern, a Stone Age cave system in Torquay, to learn all about our ancestors and how they survived Stone Age Britain. We began our cave tour with an artefact exploration where we learnt lots about the tools and resources that Stone Age people would have used to hunt, gather, protect and build. After this, we entered four breath-taking caverns in the underground caves and discovered how William Pengelly excavated his way through each. Finally, we took a walk around the Paleo trail and followed clues which taught us much about Stone Age culture. Thank you to the team at Kents Cavern for such a brilliant day.

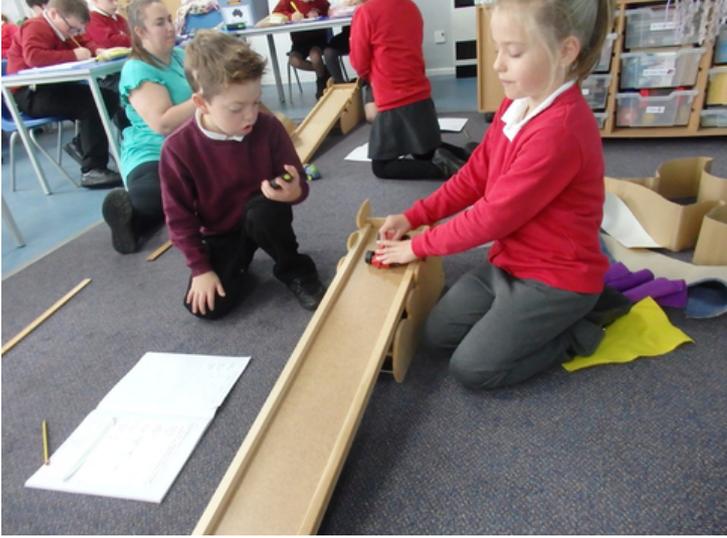
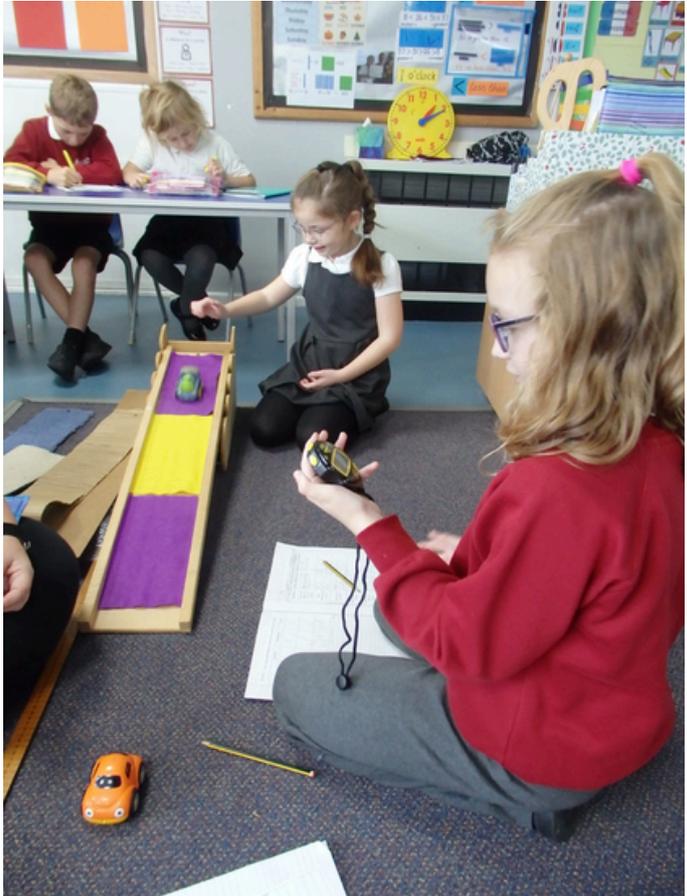




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### YEAR 3 SCIENCE DAY

Year 3 scientists were very busy on Science Day exploring which materials would be best for a ramp. They set up an investigation with different surfaces and chose their own method of recording their data. Some children timed how quickly the car could move with different levels of friction, while other chose to measure the distance their car could travel after descending the ramp!



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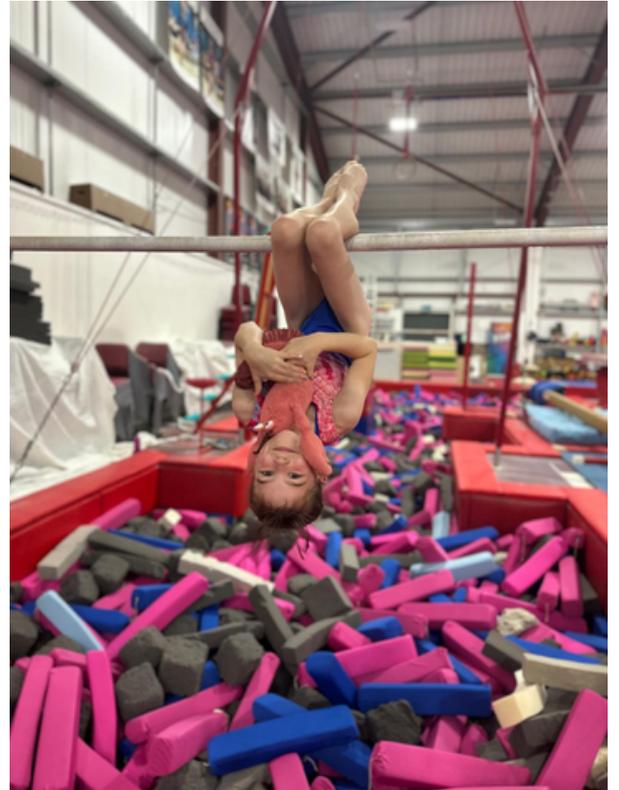
## RECEPTION

As part of our topic, 'Where do we live?' Reception children have been learning all about different people, cultures and communities. The children have particularly enjoyed exploring maps, using city blocks to build our local area and creating a variety of different homes using junk modelling materials.

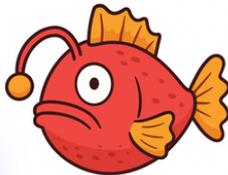




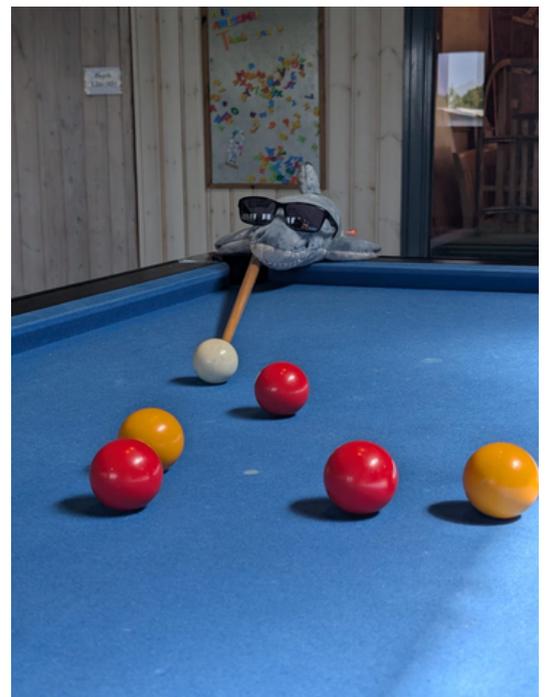
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# OUR MASCOT ADVENTURES CONTINUE..



Our mascots have had another wonderful week. As you can see they have had lots of fun: playing football, playing snooker, even perfecting their acrobatic skills. Steve particularly enjoyed his sausage roll from Greggs, it's his favourite apparently 😊



**CHALLENGE TIME!  
CAN YOU MAKE  
GRUMPY GERTRUDE  
SMILE??**

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# Christmas Cake Sale

- Show us your festive favourites! Cakes, cookies, puddings, pies and everything in between!

All cakes for sale for 50p each in the morning, at lunch and after school!

5th December 2025

Please take cakes to the classroom.

Prizes for the best cakes!



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# Apply for a primary school place

Was your child born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022?



Apply online at:  
[devon.cc/admissionsonline](https://devon.cc/admissionsonline)

or scan the QR code. Applications open from 15 November 2025 to the 15 January 2026

If you can't access the school admissions website you can get more information by emailing [admissions@devon.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@devon.gov.uk) or call our Education Helpline on: **0345 155 1019**



You must apply through the Admissions Team, even if you've already given details to a school. Applications made directly to schools or on their lists will not be accepted.





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## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

# **School Admissions Policy**



**10 November 2025 to**

**16 January 2026\***

**You are invited to review the proposed  
2027-28 admission arrangements for  
state-funded schools in Devon  
and those in Cornwall supported by the  
Devon School Admissions Service  
at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements)**

**\*Blackdown Education Partnership will consult 25 November to 16 January.**

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