



9th February 2024







TO SIGN UP!

Change of Menu On 20th February and 12 March Option 1: RED has now been changed to Fish Fingers.





Absences

Please inform the school office by 9.30 am of any absence. We ask that all parents and carers inform the office **daily** and give the reason for the absence. A message can be left on the

answerphone or you can send an email via

admin@bowcps.devon.sch.uk

If you have a medical appointment, evidence is required. This can be in the form of a letter or a screen shot of the appointment details.

Please try and keep dentist and optician appointments to the school holidays.

Please remember to order your child's lunches in plenty of time. If you have booked a lunch and brought in a packed lunch, a school lunch will take priority. Lunches for KS1 pupils are free but some of this cost does come out of the school budget. If your child will not eat what's on the menu please send in a packed lunch to help with food waste and cost.



Thank you.

'Top Marks for Health & Safety'

The Governing body wishes to congratulate and sincerely thank the School Leadership and Administrative teams for their continued hard work and commitment. This is particularly in recognition of a highly successful recent Health & Safety audit conducted by the Devon County Council health & Safety team, in which we received an amazing 97% compliance mark. Well done to all of those involved, it is reassuring to know that Bow Community Primary School is a Safe and Healthy place to be.



If you are concerned about the safety of a child in Devon or want to speak to someone, or if you are a child worried about your own safety, you can contact our

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) by: completing an online request for support form or calling **0345 155 1071**.

Foxcubs Our reception pupils have learned lots of new sounds in phonics and have been working on writing sentences using finger spaces, full stops and capital letters. In maths, we have been looking at the composition of 6, 7 and 8.

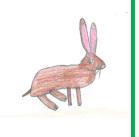
Year 1 students have been working on adding and subtracting within 20 using lots of different resources. They have also been learning all about the 7 continents and 5 oceans. We learned about global climates and which animals may live in different parts of the world.

Otters' Class have enjoyed learning about 'Our Wonderful World' in Geography and should be able to locate and name all 7 continents. They have learnt about the position of the hot and cold places in the world and also learnt about what an aerial photograph is. Travelling Ted returned to our class, after travelling abroad to visit France. He shared some of his photos with us of the landmarks that he visited. Why not see if your child can name some of the them? In



English the children read a book called This is how we do it, where they learnt about how children in different parts of the world lived. They then wrote their own section for the book about themselves trying to use some of the key ingredients we found in the original text using commas in a list, adjectives, contracted apostrophes and accurate sentence punctuation.

Hares' Class are loving their new English unit based on 'The Disgusting Sandwich' by Gareth Edwards. They particularly enjoyed making their own disgusting sandwiches out of mud, grass, leaves and lots of other gross ingredients! They are coming to the end of their 'Rocks' topic in science and researched the works of Mary Anning and enjoyed studying the fossils that Zach brought in from home. In maths, they measured a variety of objects and held a 'standing long jump' competition to measure how





Badgers' have really enjoyed learning all about the Rainforest during this half term. We've made amazing lift-the-flap information pages about the layers of the rainforest and begun to understand the impact of deforestation and how we can help to stop this. In Maths, we've been exploring fractions and decimals in lots of different ways and have enjoyed playing fractions games to consolidate our learning.

Stags' Class have come to the end of a quick, fun unit based on Oliver Jeffers' brilliant 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. We have been writing letters from other school equipment, giving them characters and show disappointment and happiness about the ways that they have been used. Our science unit has been greatly enjoyed with some lovely exploration of the school grounds to classify all of the different vertebrates, invertebrates, flowering and non-flowering plants that we came across. Our mould investigation was also a great highlight of the half term, with some lovely unpleasant findings explored and analysed. We have completed most of our work on fractions now, and will be moving more into work with decimals and percentages in the next half term.





A few pictures of activities pupils have started, completed or taken part in.





Stags' Class have been programming with the brilliant BBC Microbits this term.

They have tested out some challenging code and tried to create and edit games to play as well as using the light sensors and tilting functions that the microbit also provides! Great fun and a good hands-on way of seeing the impact that programming can have.



We have some amazing gymnasts in our school - look at some of their impressive skills using the larger gymnastic equipment this week!







A big thank you to FOBs for the new play equipment that is being greatly enjoyed by the pupils on their lunch breaks.



Kipper We were able to say hello to Kipper and Helen again on Friday!

Here are some of our Year 6 pupils who had opportunity to enjoy some quality time with Kipper.

Crediton Library Half Term Activities

Year 6/7 Book Group

Approximately every 6 weeks we get together on a Friday from

4.30-5.15pm at Crediton Library and chat about the book choice we've read, and take part in related activities. At the same time as eating tasty snacks! We've got a lot of fun things planned over the next few months, including an author visit. If you're interested in giving this a go, come to the library and get the next book choice and then come along to our next meeting on February 23rd. Email us on crediton.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk or phone 01363 772578 if you'd like any further information or to express interest.

Half-term events

We have several activities going on over half term at Crediton Library:

Friday 9th February, 7pm-9pm: Family Friendly Games Evening

Plymouth based charity Character Creation Roleplay will be running an evening of board and roleplay games. Suitable for all ages and abilities. Come and celebrate the beginning of half term, and enjoy our warm space with complimentary refreshments. Drop in to this free event, no booking necessary.

Monday 12th February, 10am-12pm: Author Reading and Craft

Author Tracey Norman will be reading her children's book 'Sammy's Saturday job'. This is aimed at 3-7 year olds, and the story is about Sammy the dragon who wants to be a fire fighter. The fire crew let her help, but it doesn't go guite as planned. Following the story we will be putting on a dragon craft activity to celebrate Chinese New Year.

This is a free event, but you will need to pre-book.

Wednesday 14th February, 10am-12pm: Make your own perfect

pizza from scratch!

This is being put on by Recycle Devon (some of you may have come to the pumpkin event during the October half term) and is a free family event aimed at those 8 years or older. It is requested that children are accompanied by an adult. You will need to pay £5 per child when you book the place, but this will be returned to you when you attend the event. You can book your place on: eventbrite.co.uk/o/food-rescue-8085945159 or scan the QR code on the poster we are sending to your school.

Thursday 15th February, 10am-12pm: Tiny Travels

Tiny Travels will be visiting Crediton Library again - this time bringing all things 'Asia'. There will be lots of objects children can touch and explore while they explore 'Asia'. This is a free event children 0 - 7 years. Spaces are limited so we recommend you booking early to avoid disappointment.

We look forward to welcoming you at Crediton Library over half term. As well as these activities, there will be a library trail with a Chinese New Year theme, where you can look for the pictures hidden around Crediton Library.

For any further information or to book a space please contact Crediton Library on 01363772578 or email us on crediton.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk.





