DYMCHURCH PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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TERM DATES
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REMINDERS

- You can join our FoDS Team - please enquire at the school office
- You can collect a car park permit from the school office to park in the village car park
- School Dinner's should be paid for on Arbor on the day or in advance . These are priced at £3.10 per day from September 2026
- Please do not park or drop off your child on the zig zags outside of school. It is not a stopping zone.

Dear Families

What a wonderful week we've had.

Year 2 and Year 6 kicked off the week with a trip to Dover Castle. They had a wonderful time learning about the castle and delving deep into the tunnels underneath. The children returned full of exciting facts and stories from their visit.

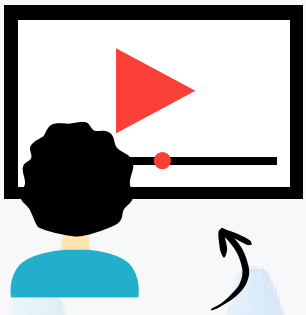
We also had a lovely visit from M&M Productions, who gave a fantastic performance of Treasure Island for us. The children absolutely enjoyed the show and were captivated by the adventure.

A big thank you to everyone who came to our Harvest Festival on Friday. The donations received were amazing and will be going to the Rainbow Centre in Folkestone/New Romney, helping to support families in need within the local community.

It will be a short week next week, with school finishing on Tuesday 20th October and returning on Monday 2nd November. Please see the parent bulletin pages below for upcoming events over the holidays and for when we get back to school – there are lots of lovely things happening.

Thank you to everyone for a fantastic Term 1. It has been amazing, and we are looking forward to Term 2! Have a lovely half-term break!

Thank you for your continued support
Miss Simmonds and The Dymchurch Team

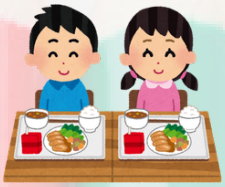


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ATTENDANCE WHOLE SCHOOL
96.4%
since September 2026
National Average is 95.2%

CLASS ATTENDANCE OF THE WEEK
97.7%
WELL DONE YEAR R
Clownfish

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE
95.9%



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DATES AT A GLANCE

5th November	Non Uniform Day - Dress in bright firework colours - Donation of a bottle
9th November	Book Look - Parents welcome to classrooms to look at books from 3.15pm - 3.45pm
12th November	Parents Evening -Appointments available in near future - look out for email to confirm
20th November	Non Uniform Day - Donation of sweets
4th December	Christmas Fayre - 3.15pm - 4.15pm
15th December	KS1 Christmas Performance to families - 2pm
16th December	Christmas Jumper Day (Normal School Uniform applies) and Christmas Dinner Day



DATES FOR 2026-2027



TERM DATES 2026 - 2027

TERM 1

Start:	Tuesday 1st September (**INSET**)
Children begin school on Wednesday 2nd September	
Children finish school on Tuesday 20th October (Wed 21st, Thurs 22nd, Fri 23rd INSET DAYS)	
End of Term 1:	Friday 23rd October
October Holiday:	Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

TERM 2

Start:	Monday 2nd November
Finish:	Friday 18th December
Christmas Holiday:	Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January 2027

TERM 3

Start:	Monday 4th January 2027
Finish:	Friday 12th February
February Holiday:	Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February

TERM 4

Start:	Monday 22nd February
Finish:	Thursday 25th March
Easter Holiday:	Tuesday 30th March – Friday 9th April

TERM 5

Start:	Monday 12th April
Bank Holiday:	Monday 3rd May
Children finish school on Thursday 27th May	
Finish:	Friday 28th May (**INSET**)
May Holiday	Tuesday 1st June – Friday 4th June

TERM 6

Start:	Monday 7th June
Finish:	Wednesday 21st July

School Closed for Bank Holidays:	Friday 26th March Monday 29th March Monday 3rd May Monday 31st May
School Closed for Development Days:	Monday 1st September 2026 Wednesday 21st October 2026 Thursday 22nd October 2026 Friday 23rd October 2026 Friday 28th May 2027

DYMCHURCH DIARY DATES – 2026-2027

Term 1 - 1st September to 23rd October 2026		
September	1st	INSET DAY (no children in school)
	2nd	Children return to school
	14th	School photos – individual and siblings
October		*Black History Month*
	9th	Young Minds Mental Health Day (10th) - Wear Yellow
	14th	Flu Vaccinations YR-Y6
	16th	Harvest Festival
	20th	End of Term 1
	21st -23rd	INSET DAYS (no children in school)

Term 2 - 2nd November to 18th December 2026		
November	2nd	Term 2 Begins
		Secondary School applications closes Y6 pupils (midnight)
	5th	Own Clothes Day – Dress in firework colours **(bottle donation)**
	9th	Book Look for Parents – 3.15pm – 3.45pm
	12th	Parents Evening
	Anti Bullying Week (16th – 20th)	
	20th	Own Clothes Day **(Sweet donations for Fayre)**
December	4th	Christmas Fayre – 3.15pm - 4.15pm (FoDS)
	14th	KS1 dress rehearsal to school (no families on this day)
	15th	KS1 performance to families – 2pm
	16th	Christmas Jumper Day (normal school uniform) and Christmas Dinner Day
	16th	KS2 Visit to St Peter and St Pauls Church – 2pm
	17th	Dymchurch Disco (whole school) 3.10pm – 4.15pm
	18th	End of Term 2

Term 3 - 4th January 2027 to 12th February 2027		
January	4th	Term 3 begins
	19th	Young Voices Concert at 02 Arena (school choir)
February	5th	NSPCC Number Day – dress up as anything numerical **£1 donation to charity**
	9th	Safer Internet Day
	12th	Own Clothes Day – Be Yourself, Love yourself (donation of chocolate for Easter Raffle)
	12th	End of Term 3

Term 4 - 22nd February to 25th March 2027		
February	22nd	Term 4 begins
March		British Science Week (5th – 14th March)
	3rd	Mother's Day Gift Sale (FoDS)
	4th	World Book Day – dress up as your favourite book character. Reading with parents event in the hall at 2.30pm
	19th	Comic Relief Red Nose Day - Wear red to school (£1)
	25th	Easter Assembly and Bonnet Parade – Wear Easter Bonnets (normal uniform applies)
	25th	End of Term Term 4

Term 5 - 12th April to 27th May 2027		
April	12th	Term 5 begins
May		*SATS for Year 2 throughout month of May*
		Year 6 SATS week beginning 10th – 13th May
	6th	Parents Evening
	TBC	Year 6 to Windmill Hill
	27th	End of Term 5
	28th	INSET DAY (no children in school)

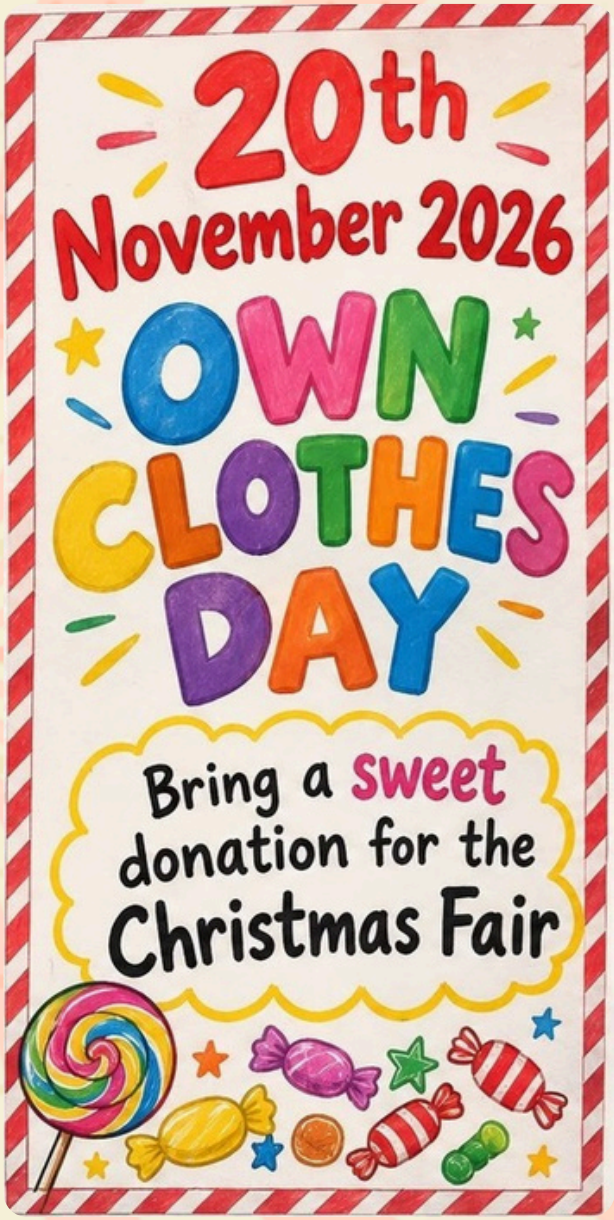
Term 6 - 7th June to 21st July 2027		
June	1st	Term 6 begins
		Multiplication Times Table Check for Year 4 from 3rd June
		Phonics screening for Year 1 until 12th June
	11th	Sports Day
	14th	Sports Day (Reserve)
	18th	Fathers Day Gift Sale (FoDS)
	21st	World Music Day – Dress as your favourite music icon **(bottle donations for Fayre)**
July	2nd	Non-Uniform Day **(sweet donations for Fayre)**
	TBC	Summer Fayre 3.15pm – 4.15pm (FoDS)
	14th	Bastille Day – Wear red white and blue
	15th	Year 6 End of Year Production to families – 4.30pm
	20th	Celebrations Afternoon 'Dymchurch Has Talent'
	21st	Year 6 Leavers Assembly and School End of Year Awards – 9.15am school hall
	21st	DymFest (Festival in the afternoon for whole school 1.30-3pm) Wear Festival Clothes
	21st	End of Term 6

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Year R
Clownfish Class

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Clownfish have had a super week, and we have now come to the end of their first term at school! It has been a busy and enjoyable week, filled with learning, creativity and plenty of hands on exploration.

In Phonics, we have consolidated our learning of our new sounds and practised blending them together to read words. In Maths, the children have been learning about more than and fewer than. They have been helping Mr Mole and Mr Possom with their counting and comparison skills, using careful thinking to decide which groups have more or fewer objects.

The children have created some fantastic chalk drawings of themselves. They used large and small movements to explore different types of mark making and enjoyed seeing how their movements changed the marks they made. We have also enjoyed exploring pumpkins, delving into their construction and discovering their seeds. There has been lots of messy fun in the mud kitchen, where the children have been exploring different baking skills.
To finish the week, we thoroughly enjoyed the production of Treasure Island and had lots of laughs. It was a lovely experience for the children to enjoy together as we reached the end of their first term.

We wish you all a lovely weekend
Miss O'Neill and Miss Harding











Star of the Week: **Willow D** for always being engaged in her learning and being a positive role model to others.
Wonderful Work: **Ernie** for his fantastic blending of CVC words and his enthusiasm for phonics.

Year 1
Seahorse Class

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What a wonderful week we have had in Seahorses!

In maths, we have dived into our new addition and subtraction unit, focusing on part-whole models and number sentences. The children have been working incredibly hard to understand how numbers can be split into parts and put back together again!

In English, we have been busy planning and writing our very own instructions on how to make a sandwich. The children have certainly been creative with their ingredients, choosing some rather interesting combinations, including marshmallows, Biscoff and sprinkles! I'm not sure these sandwiches will be appearing on any restaurant menus anytime soon!

On Thursday afternoon, we were lucky enough to enjoy a fantastic pantomime production of Treasure Island! The children had an arrr-mazing time and were completely hooked from start to finish!
In phonics, we have been revisiting our first four Phase 5 sounds: ay, ou, oy and ea. The children have worked brilliantly and are becoming real phonics pros at recognising and using these sounds!
Thank you for another lovely week in Seahorses! Have a wonderful weekend.



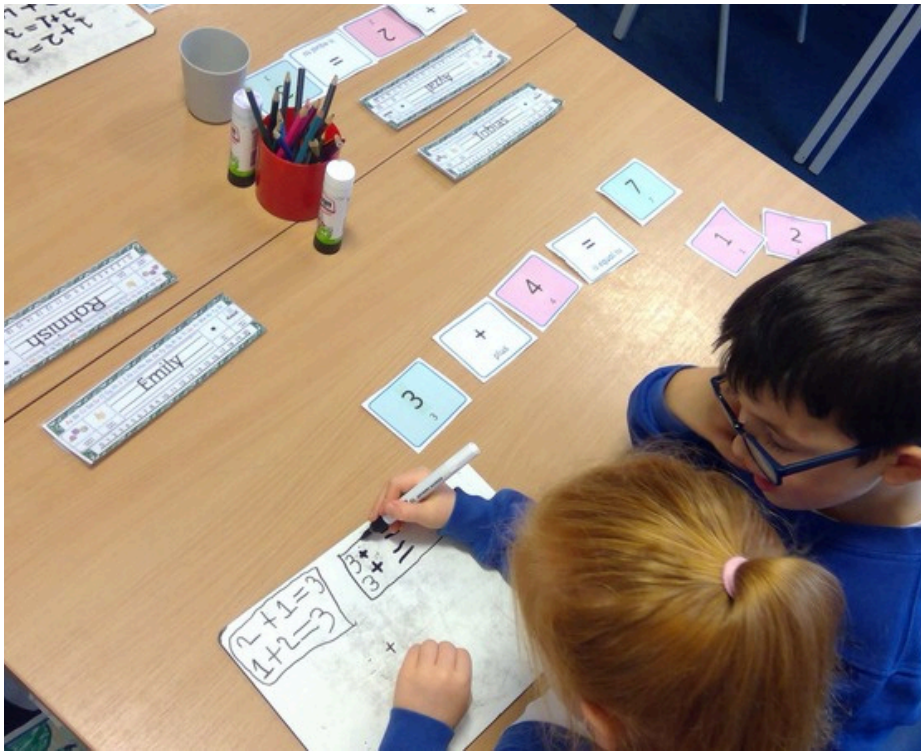
Thank you, as always, for your continued support!
Miss Maxwell and Mrs Stone





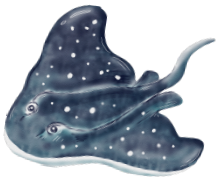






Star of the Week: **Helena** for having a wonderful attitude towards school and approaching every challenge with a smile.
Wonderful Work: **Oliver** for showing fantastic effort in his English writing.
Headteacher Award: **Rex**, **Gracie**, **Oliver** for fantastic writing about castles and **Mason** for incredible number sentences.

Year 2
Ray Class



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What a brilliant week in Ray Class!

We started the week with our trip to Dover Castle. It was amazing to see everything we have been learning about in real life. Please look on Dojo for photos from our trip.

In English, we have been busy planning and writing our non-chronological reports on castles. We wrote an exciting introduction and two paragraphs explaining how castles were attacked and defended. We included lots of brilliant vocabulary, as well as exclamations and "Did you know?" facts. I have been blown away by their incredible writing.

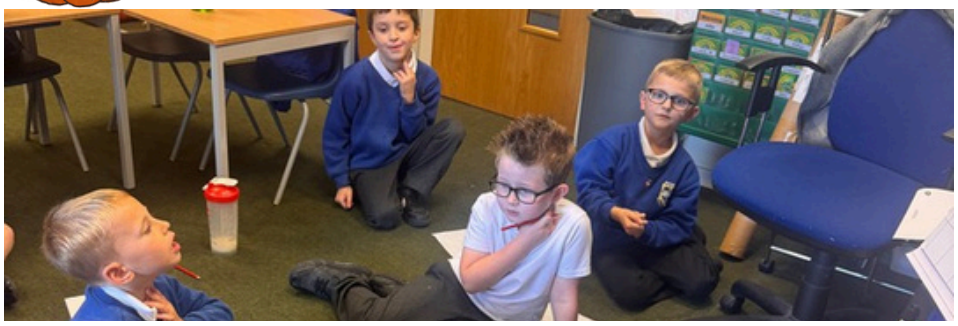
In maths, we have been using simple addition and subtraction facts to help us solve harder sums. We have also been practising our number bonds to 10, 20 and 100.

In science, we explored why exercise is important and investigated what happens to our pulse when we exercise.

We also loved watching the Treasure Island show in the hall on Thursday and performing our harvest song for you on Friday.



Have a lovely, relaxing weekend!
Miss Lavender and Mrs Miller





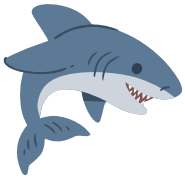






Star of the Week: **Davina** for her wonderful behaviour, positive attitude and consistently making sensible choices!
Wonderful Work: **Bear** for fantastic independent writing all about how castles were attacked and defended!

Year 3
Shark Class



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What another wonderful week of learning we have had in Shark Class!

In English, we finished writing our non-chronological reports about smuggling on Romney Marsh! The children have worked incredibly hard to organise their knowledge into informative paragraphs. We ended the week editing and improving our writing, ready to publish our fantastic reports next week!

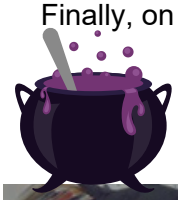
In Maths, we have been developing our addition and subtraction skills, using our knowledge of number bonds to add and subtract ones across a ten and tens across a hundred. We have been thinking carefully about how numbers change when crossing these boundaries.

In History, we concluded our smuggling enquiry by investigating why smuggling declined during the 1800s. We explored how the threat of a Napoleonic invasion led to stronger coastal defences, while lower taxes made smuggling less profitable.

In Art, we explored positive and negative space within everyday images, using the shapes we discovered to inspire our own sculpture designs. The children came up with some wonderfully creative ideas which we cannot wait to bring to life next week!

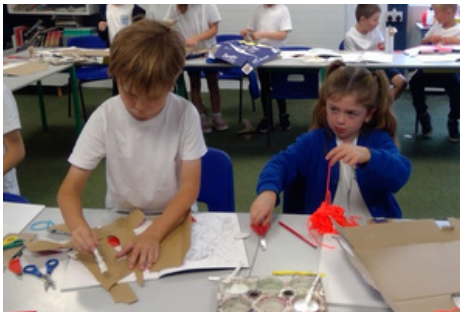
In Science, we became fact hunters! The children researched interesting information about magnets and began organising their findings into fact files. It was a fantastic opportunity to revisit and celebrate everything we have learnt throughout the term.

Finally, on Thursday afternoon, we enjoyed a wonderful treat with a performance of Treasure Island! What a lovely way to end another busy week!
Well done, Sharks!



Wishing you all a lovely weekend
Miss Rawlin and Mrs Storti-Gates





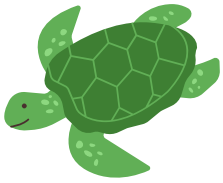






Star of the Week: **Ruby** for her consistently fantastic attitude towards learning and the enthusiasm and effort she brings to every subject, every single day!
Wonderful Work: **Chester B** for his brilliant effort in English and the fantastic progress he has made with his sentence writing!
Pen Licence: **Connie** and **Amia**

Year 4
Turtle Class



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We've had another fun week in Turtles Class!

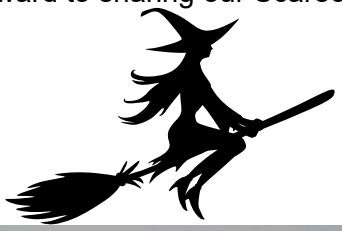
In English, we started off with using pronouns to create some sentences that we might be able to use when we write our travel brochures. The children also used some amazing, ambitious vocabulary. We then moved onto working as a class to create a travel brochure example that we can use to help us write our own travel brochures.

In Maths, the children have learnt how to add when the numbers require more than one exchange. The children were brilliant at using the formal written method to solve the calculations. We then moved onto subtraction with 2 sets of 4-digit numbers.

In Geography this week, we learnt about why we have Martello Towers in our local area. We learnt all about the Towers as coastal defences to protect our country from possible invasion in the 1800s. The children then made their own Martello Towers and included a diagram of the inside and some of the amazing facts they researched and found.

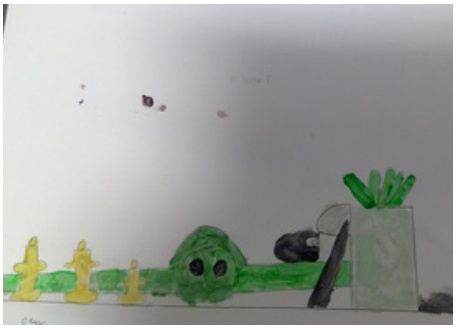
During Art, we experimented with some still life portraits. We have included a few for you to have a look at. Enjoy! We have been eagerly practising our Harvest song and are looking forward to sharing our Scarecrow song with actions.

Have a lovely weekend
Miss Barrett and Miss McGlone













Star of the Week: **Ayan** for being Miss McGlone's board-fixer when she can't unfreeze the screen!
Wonderful Work: **Hallie** for fantastic sentences containing pronouns.

Year 5
Penguin Class

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We've had a great week in Penguin class.

In English the children have been planning and writing their own setting descriptions. We've been focusing on using a range of verbs and adjectives to make our setting descriptions of Arranmore come to life.
In maths, we have been learning about prime, square and cube numbers. We used multi-link cubes to investigate square and cube numbers and found out why they are named these.

In topic, we created posters about protecting the environment. We used all the knowledge learnt this term to create information posters to raise awareness of some of the dangers our local habitats and wildlife face. We discussed: recycling, deforestation and pollution.

We had a very busy day on Wednesday. We had a visit from the team from Led by the Wild. They popped in to drop of a kit to help us increase biodiversity on our school site. We were given lots of amazing tools and items, including: bee boxes, viewing pots, trap cameras and much more. Later in the day, we had great fun on our litter pick in the local area supported by volunteers from the Romney Marsh litter pickers. We found a vast array of rubbish and the children were great ambassadors for our school while out in the local area. Well done Penguins!



We hope you have a great weekend,
Mr Marsh and Miss Reynolds













Star of the Week: **Ethan** for creating fantastic sentences when planning and writing his setting description.
Wonderful Work: **Bobby** for excellent work on multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000.

Year 6
Orca Class

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We have had another fantastic week in Orca Class!

On Monday, we visited Dover Castle in preparation for our topic next term on World War 2. We visited the underground tunnels including an underground hospital where injured troops would have been taken when they returned to Britain from fighting abroad. The children's behaviour on the trip was fantastic and they were great role models for the school.

In English, we have been planning and writing our own versions of Lewis Carroll's Jabberwocky. It has been great to see the children's imagination come to life through poetry and we cannot wait to read their finished and published compositions next week!

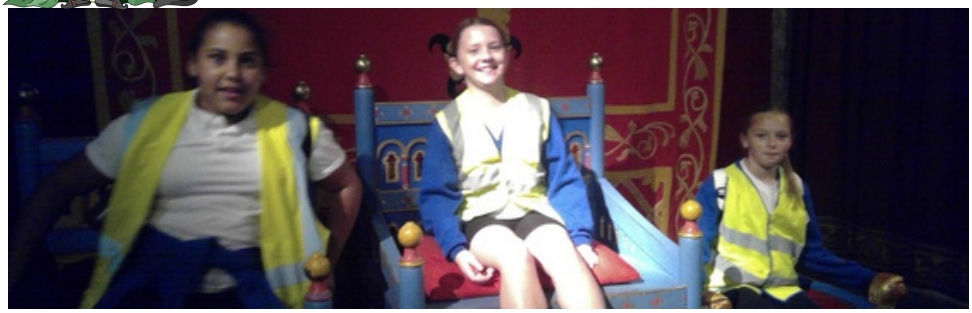
In Maths, we continued to work on long division and then looked at the order of operations by following the rules of BODMAS. Finally, we worked on multi-step word problems by looking at what was required and selecting the appropriate calculation to solve.

In topic, we discussed the British Empire and which countries were a part of it at the end of the Victorian era. We then considered the positive and negative impact this has had on society today. In Art, we have been looking at street art and using this as an inspiration to create our own tags.

Furthermore, we were really lucky on Thursday to watch a theatrical performance of Treasure Island. The year 6 children also got to stay behind and complete a Q&A session with the performers and asked lots of great questions!



Thank you for your continued support. Have a wonderful weekend!
Mr Plummer and Mrs Williams











Star of the Week: **Elsa** for always having such a positive attitude and doing everything with a smile!
Wonderful Work: **Tate** for having such a fantastic imagination when planning and writing his poem based on Jabberwocky.