DYMCHURCH PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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6TH NOVEMBER 2026

TERM DATES
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Dear Families

What an amazing first week back in Term 2!

This week, we have seen the children get straight to work, with amazing topic work and some beautiful artwork appearing in Year 3. It has been lovely to see everyone settling back into school routines so positively and engaging so enthusiastically with their learning.

Year 3 and Year 4 also enjoyed a really important workshop hosted by Kent County Council about road safety. The children learned the rules of the road and how to stay safe when crossing. We hope they will continue to use these important skills when travelling to and from school.

A big thank you for all your bottle donations this week as part of our non-uniform day for our Christmas Fayre. We have received such an amazing variety, and there are lots of prizes for you to win!

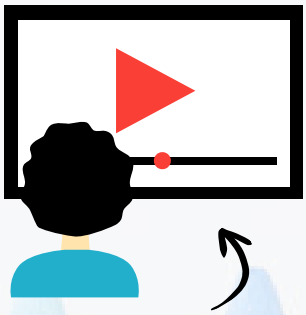
Next week, we have our first Book Look session, when parents can come into school to see their children's books. This will take place from 3.15pm to 3.45pm. Teachers will greet you at the playground, and we are looking forward to showing you how amazing your children's work is!

Finally, don't forget to book your parents' evening appointment for Thursday 12th November via Arbor.

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

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.



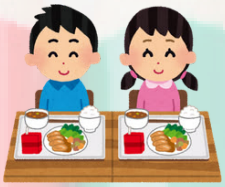
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ATTENDANCE WHOLE SCHOOL
96.2%
since September 2026
National Average is 95.2%

CLASS ATTENDANCE OF THE WEEK
98.1%
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WEEKLY ATTENDANCE
96.9%





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DATES AT A GLANCE

9th November	Book Look - Parents welcome to classrooms to look at books from 3.15pm - 3.45pm
12th November	Parents Evening -Appointments available in to book via Arbor
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

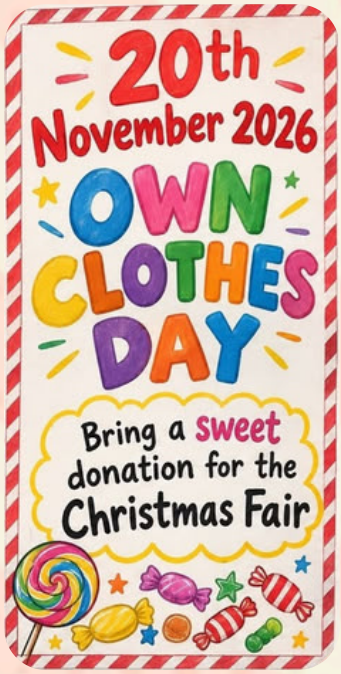
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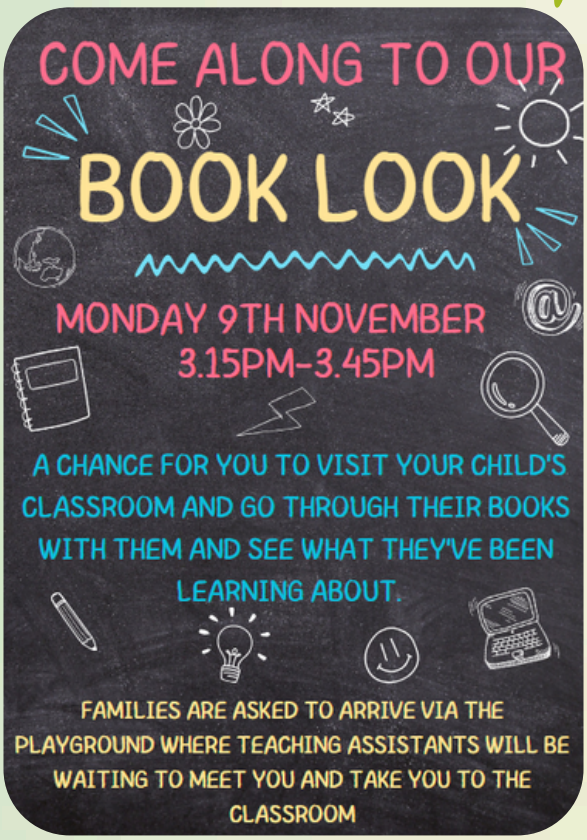
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Parental On-Line Safety Tips and Advice www.thinkyouknow.co.uk

Thinkuknow is the education programme for the National Crime Agency's Child Protection Command CEOP (NCA-CEOP). Their aim is to protect children and young people from sexual abuse online.

SHOUT

SHOUT offers confidential 24/7 crisis text support for times when immediate assistance is required. Text "SHOUT" to 85258 or visit SHOUT Crisis Text Line

Childline

Confidential telephone counselling service for any child with a problem. Call: 0800 1111 anytime or chat with a counsellor online.

The Mix

Free confidential support for young people under 25. Call: 0808 4994 (11am-11pm every day)

Beat

Beat provides support to help young people who may be struggling with an eating problem or an eating disorder. Call the Youthline (under 18's) 0808 801 0711 or Student line 0808 801 0811 (9am – 8pm during the week and 4pm – 8pm on weekends and bank holidays.

Kooth

Kooth is a free, safe and anonymous online mental wellbeing community including live chat with the team, discussion boards, magazine with helpful articles and a daily journal a magazine.

Samaritans

Samaritans are available 24/7, 365 days a year – they are here to listen and provide support Call: 116 123 or email: jo@samaritans.org

Crisis Tools

Crisis Tools helps professionals support young people in crisis – short accessible video guides and text resources are available.

Mental Health Matters

Call 0800 107 0160 to speak to someone in the highly trained and experienced Mental Health Matters team. The phone line is free, confidential and open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

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Year R
Clownfish Class

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What a brilliant first week back it has been for Clownfish class! We have jumped right into our learning, and the children have settled back into classroom routines with enthusiasm.

This week, our focus text has been Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children have done some fantastic work, discussing alternative characters and escape plans, as well as designing recipes for some delicious or gruesome porridge!

We have also been celebrating Diwali and Firework Night. The children have been re-telling the story of Rama and Sita and learning about traditional celebratory activities. They have enjoyed designing rangoli patterns and Mendhi art, too. We created some fantastic firework display paintings using alternative methods to brushes.

In maths, the children have been recapping their knowledge of the composition of 5 and learning about continuing patterns. They have also begun practising their handwriting this week. We have focused on the curly letters c, a and d, and the children have been practising hard to form them carefully.
It has been a busy and creative start to the term, with lots of opportunities for the children to talk, explore and share their ideas.

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











Star of the Week: **Ronnie** for being such a good listener and always trying his best.
Wonderful Work: **George** for his beautiful firework display painting.

Year 1
Seahorse Class

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What a lovely first week back we have had in Seahorses! The children have settled back into their routines beautifully and have been working incredibly hard!

In Maths, we have been revisiting addition, focusing on writing number sentences and expanding our mathematical vocabulary using words such as together, combining and more.

In English, we have started our new book, The Man on the Moon. We have been putting ourselves into the main character's shoes and thinking about what life might be like on the moon! At the end of this unit, the children will be writing their very own diary entry as Bob, the Man on the Moon.

In Art, we created some beautiful firework displays to celebrate Guy Fawkes Night! The children really enjoyed getting creative, and their finished pieces looked fantastic!

In Topic, we have begun learning about vehicles from the past and present. This week, the children shared how they travel to school and wrote their own sentences explaining their journeys.

In Phonics, we are continuing to learn lots of new sounds, which you will see reflected in the weekly homework. We would really appreciate your continued support in completing these activities at home, as practising these sounds regularly makes such a difference to the children's confidence and progress in reading and writing.

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











Star of the Week: **Oliver** for returning to school with a fantastic attitude to learning and trying his best.
Wonderful Work: **Buddy** for showing fantastic understanding of addition and trying incredibly hard to write addition number sentences.

Year 2
Ray Class



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Welcome back to Term 2! We hope you all had a lovely half term.

In maths, we have learnt how to add and subtract 1-digit numbers from 2-digit numbers. We then learnt to add by making 10 first and adding the rest, as well as adding three 1-digit numbers together. We discovered that we can add them in any order.

In English, we started our new text, The Storm Whale. We made predictions, inferred how characters were feeling, learnt new vocabulary and wrote statement sentences about whales. We also created story mountains to show the key events.

Our new spelling lessons have been in full swing. Please look on Dojo for more information about accessing Spelling Shed at home.

In reading comprehension, we read about the Gunpowder Plot and answered a range of questions. In RE, we learnt how we can care for the world. In our topic work, Life in Dymchurch, we labelled aerial photographs of Dymchurch with landmarks and features. In science, we completed an assessment to show everything we have learnt about animals, including humans. In art, we created backgrounds for our final pieces using a wash with watered-down paint.

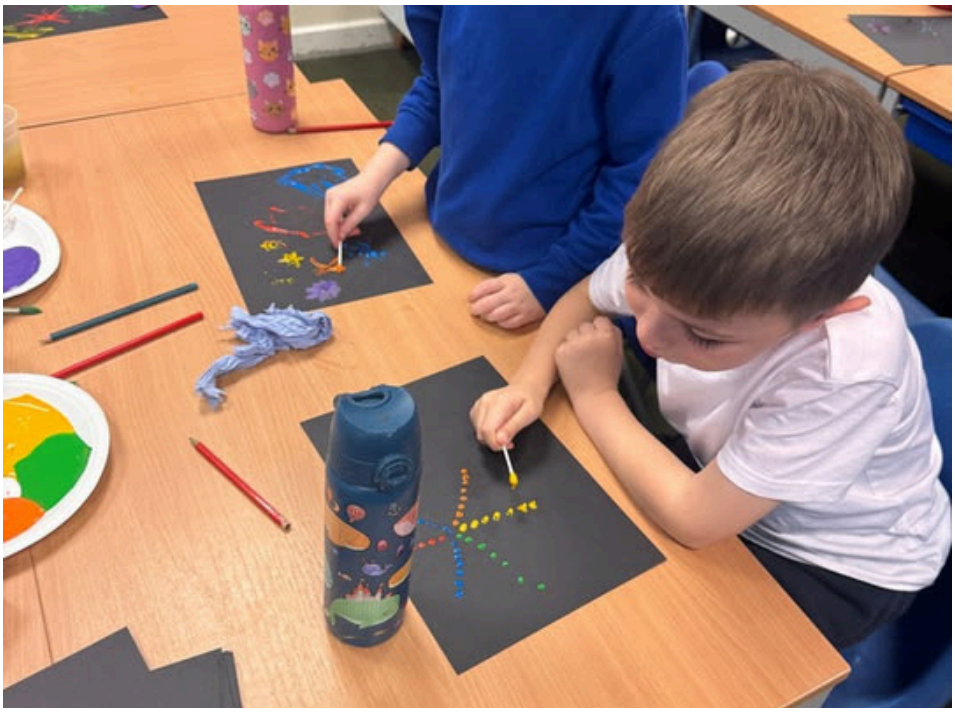
Have a lovely, relaxing weekend!
Miss Lavender and Mrs Miller











Star of the Week: **Grayson** for always being a kind and caring member of our class, listening carefully on the carpet and consistently working hard in all his learning.
Wonderful Work: **Rupert** for showing great understanding and confidence when adding three one-digit numbers together.

Year 3
Shark Class

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Welcome back, Shark Class! What a fantastic first week back! This term, we will be exploring our new enquiry question: "Why is it called the Romney Marsh?"

In English, we began reading Homecoming by Michael Morpurgo, a story set on a beautiful marshland threatened by plans to build a power station. To immerse ourselves in the setting, the children created wonderful dioramas of the Romney Marsh, carefully considering its flat, open landscape and local landmarks. We were so impressed by their creativity and attention to detail!

In Geography, we began investigating where the Romney Marsh is and what we can find there. The children explored maps to locate local settlements and important features, including the Royal Military Canal, drainage ditches, the coastline and Martello Towers.

In French, we launched our new France Through Time unit, where we will explore French geography and history. We began by locating France in relation to England and measuring La Manche (the English Channel), which separates the two countries.

We also enjoyed two important workshops this week! On Thursday, we learnt how to stay safe when crossing roads during our Road Safety workshop. On Friday, we explored how to keep our bodies and minds healthy through an NHS-backed health and wellbeing session.

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











Star of the Week: **Esmay** for consistently giving her very best effort in everything she does and showing a wonderful determination to succeed in her learning
Wonderful Work: **Harlow** for his fantastic effort in English, showing great understanding and confidence when using speech marks to punctuate dialogue in his writing

Year 4
Turtle Class

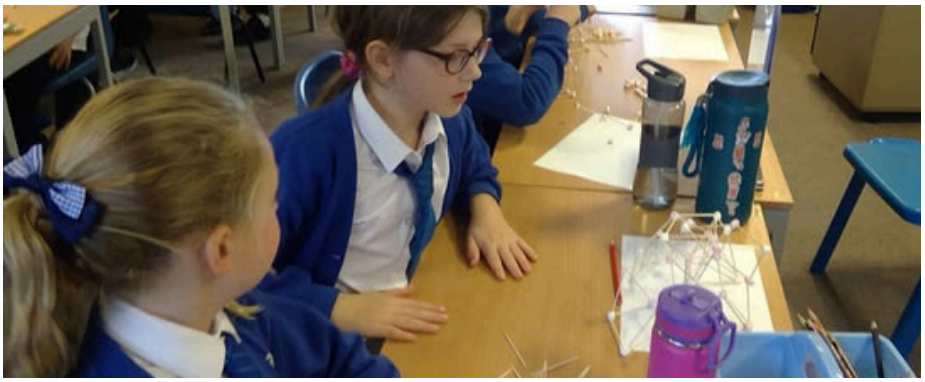
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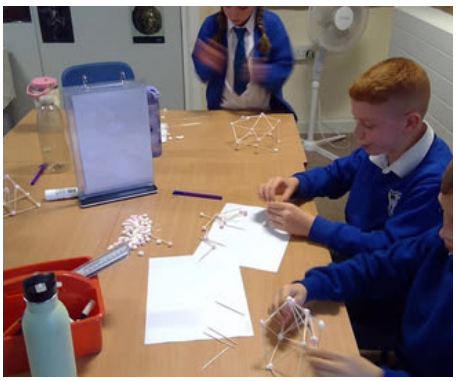
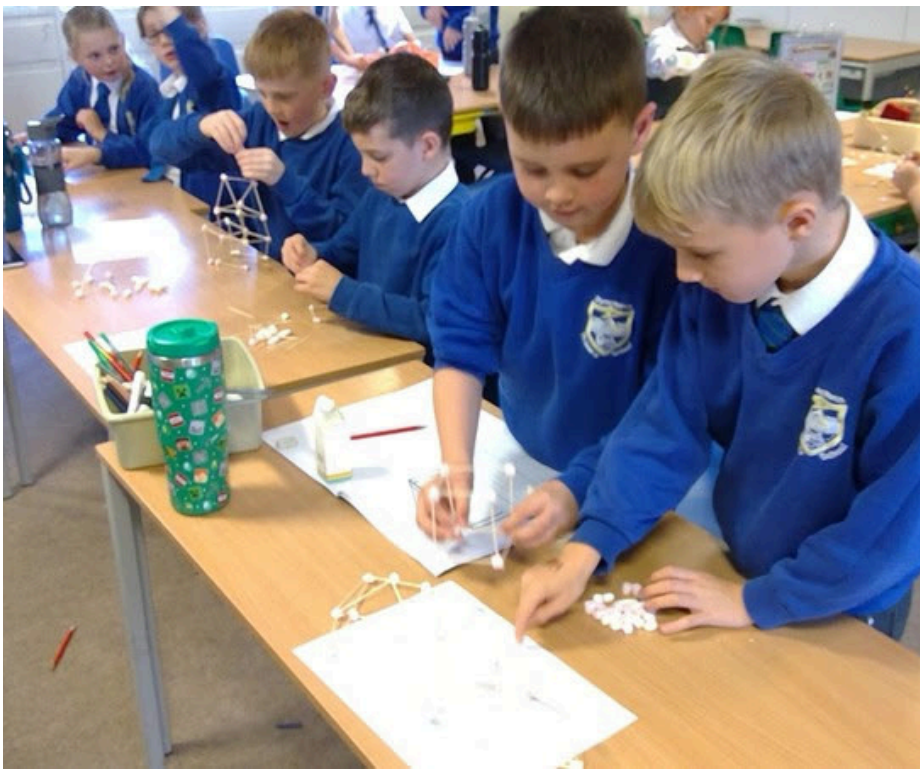
In Maths, we have been finishing off our addition and subtraction unit with learning how to check our answers using other methods and inverse operation. We then started our new unit of area and are exploring the use of estimating before counting squares.

In English this week we became journalists! We looked at lots of different newspaper articles and learnt that at the end of the unit we will be making our own newspaper articles about Boudica. We learnt about the features of a newspaper and experimented with sentence structure by using subordinate conjunctions to create interesting sentences.

In Topic this week, we started our new topic of the Rotten Romans! We learnt about the story of Romulus and Remus and how this is the legend of how Rome and the Roman Empire were founded.
In DT this week, the children begun to learn about structures and had the most amazing time experimenting with making structures using marshmallows and cocktail sticks!

Have a lovely weekend
Miss Barrett and Miss McGlone




Star of the Week: **Jaxon** for having a fantastic attitude towards all of his learning this week.
Wonderful Work: **Greyson** for fantastic use of inverse operations.

Year 5
Penguin Class

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We've had a great first week back.

In English, the children have been planning adventure stories and learning about relative clauses. We are going to be writing our own adventure stories based on our class text – The Storm Keeper's island by Catherine Doyle. We have been using relative clauses to add extra detail to our writing.

In maths, we have been learning about fractions. We have learnt about unit and non-unit fractions. Later in the week, we started identifying equivalent fractions, first using a fraction wall and then we learnt methods to identify equivalent fractions using our timestables.

In DT, we had lots of fun learning about different bridge structures. The children tested them out for themselves using card and weights. We found that arch bridges are much stronger than beam bridges because of the support given by the curve of the arch.

In Science, we have been investigating water resistance. We investigated how different shapes move through water. We used plasticene, beakers and stopwatches to see how quickly different shapes fell in water.

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











Star of the Week: **John** for showing great teamwork during DT.
Wonderful Work: **Joe** for fantastic writing when creating the opening to his adventure story.

Year 6
Orca Class

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It has been another busy and enjoyable week in Year 6, with lots of exciting learning taking place across the curriculum.

We have started a new book called Castle by the Sea by Lucy Strange. We began by predicting what the book might be about, using the title and illustrations to support our ideas. We then analysed the characters and setting, thinking carefully about how the author has introduced them. We have also started learning how to use colons and semi-colons accurately in our writing.

In maths, we have been simplifying fractions and practising how to compare and order fractions. We have also been adding and subtracting fractions, explaining the methods we use and checking that our answers are sensible. Our new topic is World War 2. This week, we began learning about the events that caused the war to happen. We are developing our understanding of the historical context and considering how different events contributed to the start of the conflict.

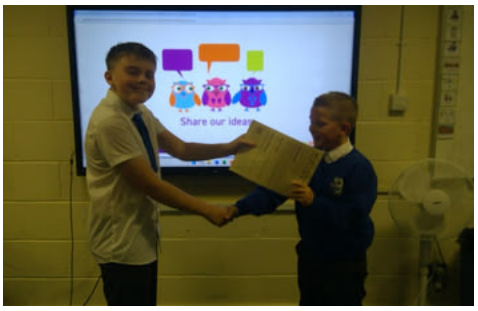
In PE, we played kabaddi and worked on dynamic balances in Real PE. We also took part in cricket lessons, where we learnt how to bowl.

In RE, we looked at different celebrations around the world. We discussed how celebrations can reflect people's beliefs, cultures and traditions.

In computing, we explored networks and learnt about the difference between a LAN and a WAN. We considered how each type of network is used to connect devices and share information.

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











Star of the Week: **Evie** for always having such a great attitude to everything she does.
Wonderful Work: **Frankie** for working really hard on fractions in our maths lessons.