

UPDATES

The East Anstey Primary School Newsletter

From the Head

Hello everyone and welcome to Autumn!

I hope that you all had a wonderful summer holiday. It seems quite a while ago already now as we appear to be well into Autumn! It may seem early to think about Christmas just yet but to anyone new to school routines, this term in particular races by and is definitely one of the most exciting times of the academic year.

It has been a super start to the term. As always in September we love to welcome our new children and families. We have been really pleased by the way all children have started in their classes and, as always, I have really enjoyed seeing the enthusiastic excitement as they all get used to new routines or make some new friends.

Class news

First of all, I would like to welcome Jemma Sloman and Lily Nicholls to East Anstey. Jemma and Lily are our brand new sports coaches from Primary Sports. They have already begun to settle in and we look forward to great sessions and clubs. Jenny Scandrett is teaching in the juniors once again and she is joined by Suzanne Thompson who also will support the infants. The junior team supporting Mrs Scandrett includes Dave Yarney and Elspeth Dennis with additional support from Emma Govier. Mr Yarney also delivers Outdoor Learning to our classes. Our infant team is led once again by Liz Yarney with Sarah Cooper and both Lizzi and Louise Mair assisting. Dan Deveney joins us once again to provide some additional intervention. As always our creative catering, amazing admin and super support teams will be working to further enhance school life.

Websites

Our brand new website is almost ready. Watch out for links to the new "beta" site from our existing front page. You will be able to have first glances in just over a week's time and then full publishing will follow.

Learning Pathways Curriculum

Our curriculum work is well underway already. Our school wide theme is 'Transformation' and we have many exciting strands of work to look forward to. This has already got off to a great start with our amazing 'Big-Bang' event. Once again we have many enrichment activities, trips, residential and opportunities on offer as well as our curriculum subjects. Check out our new website (and this newsletter) to see details on what we will all be learning. We also have a fantastic variety of clubs on offer as we continue with our trademark full experience offer.

Autumn Weather

As the season appears to have well and truly turned, please could we ask that children are sent with suitable weather appropriate clothes. This is especially important for Outdoor Learning but also for PE sessions as we move towards the colder months. Also, please note the PE kit requirements now include Shin Pads for football and Gum Shields for hockey. Many thanks.

Events

There are always lots of these to look forward to in the Autumn. Our sporting festivals get underway again now and we look forward to the Harvest Festival that is just around the corner. Later in the term we will once again be holding our excellent book fair (organised and run by our children) and other events and trips are also planned. We will have many opportunities for you to come in to school, where the children can share their learning with you and you can see what we have all been up to. Keep an eye on our regular newsletters for more on these and don't forget to check out our school blog!

Very soon our thoughts turn towards the festive period and once again we will be producing a Christmas Play. I am unable to reveal details just yet, but once again we will be staging a fabulous show for all to enjoy. We also look forward to our lovely Carol Service and Christmas parties to end our term.

I am sure I will see you all at some or all of these events later this term and meanwhile, don't forget to keep up with all the latest from school on our social media feeds. Enjoy the term.

Tim Gurney



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DIARY DATES

Further dates may be amended or added; please keep an eye out for any changes

September

Wed 25th Full Governor's meeting,
BN, 6.15pm
w/b 30th **Book Fair**

October

Fri 4th **Open Afternoon, 2.00pm**
Mon 7th **Harvest Festival, Church**
Thu 10th Flu vaccinations

Half Term

Monday 21st - Friday 25th October

November

Mon 4th NSPCC assembly
Thu 7th Parent Consultations

December

Fri 6th Dress rehearsal
Tue 10th Christmas play 1
Wed 11th Christmas play 2
Thu 12th Christmas play 3
Thu 12th Christmas dinner
Mon 16th Carol Service

New or altered dates are marked in bold.



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The East Anstey Team

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Mr Gurney Mrs Scandrett Mrs Yarney Mrs Partridge Mr Deveney Mrs Thompson
Mrs Loftus Mrs Read Mrs Dennis Mr Yarney Miss E Mair Mrs Govier Mr Holloway
Miss Cooper Miss L Mair Mrs Mair
'Part of the Exmoor Link Federation'

INFANT NEWS

Dear families

Welcome back to school and our Autumn term. We have a really exciting topic this term called Transformation - Light and Dark .

In Science we will be learning about the moon and sun, our seasons, day and night and our Solar System, materials and their properties.

RE is looking at Christianity and how Christians perceive God.

Art is linked to our science and we will be by investigating shadow art and how translucency and transparency affects our shadows and how we can play with these effects.

In music we will be listening to the music of Gustav Holst and his Planet Suite. The children will have the chance to compose their own 'Space music'.

As part of Geography we will be looking at seasonal changes and comparing hot and cold countries.

Our Literacy for the next three weeks will be based around the

story ' Orion and the Dark' and our Maths focus will be on Numbers and Place Value. Phonics will continue daily alongside guided reading, spelling practise and super sentences.

Mr Yarney will be running Outdoor Learning on Thursday as usual and Miss Nichols will be in to run Sports on a Thursday as well. So both outdoor learning clothes and PE kit will be needed on Thursdays. The weather will probably be changeable as we go into Autumn, so the children will need wellies and waterproof coats.

Homework for this term will be given out on a Friday. Year One and Year Two children will have weekly spellings to practise and will be tested on a Friday They should also continue with 'Mathletics' a few times in the week. I have sent home the Mathletics introductory letter for those parents who have not used the programme in sometime and for new parents. Reading should be daily, and we will

continue to award stickers and awards for children practising at home.

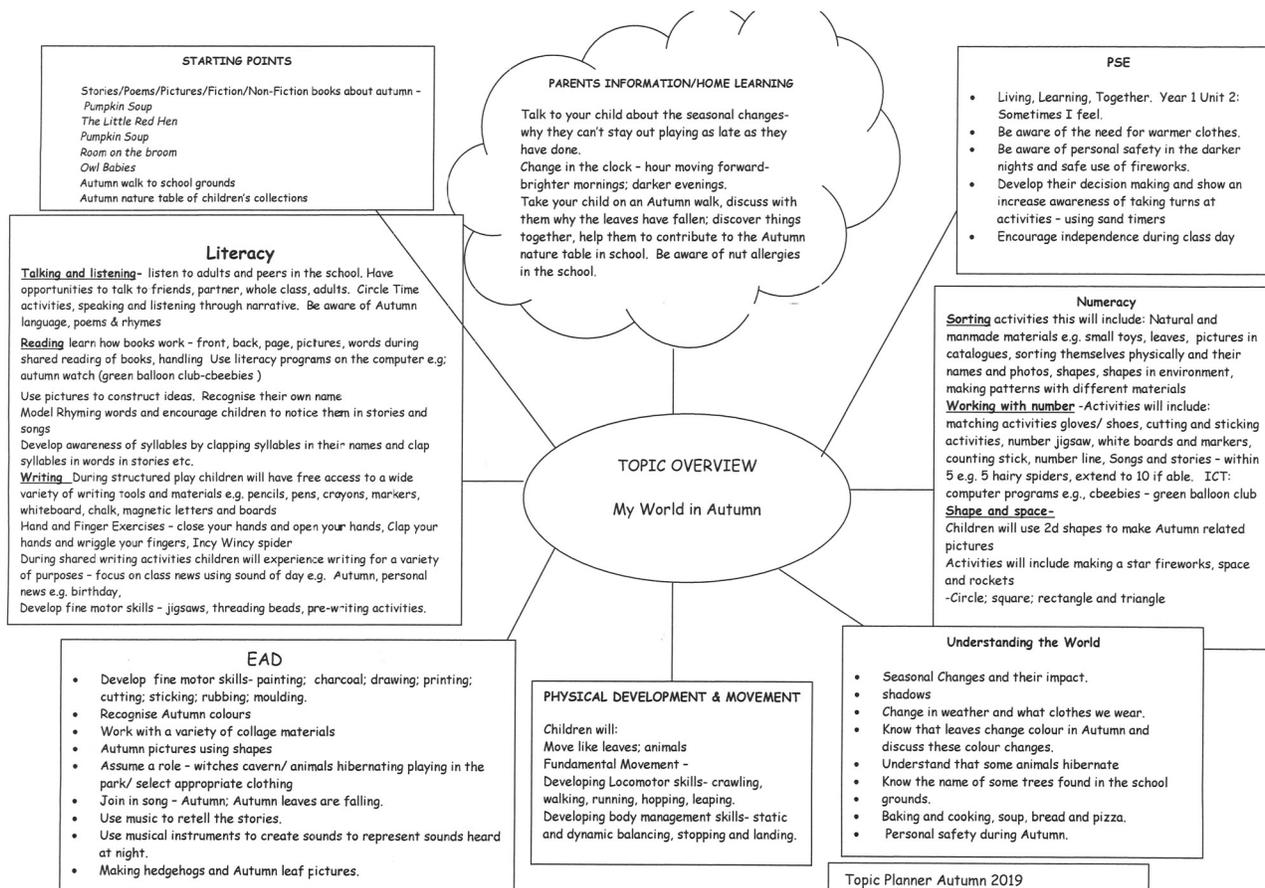
Our Foundation children may have some home learning sheets sent home, which you are welcome to join in with.

I have been finding the messaging on 'Class Dojo' very useful and hope you have too. There are still a couple of families who have not yet signed up so if you need a password, please let me know.

Snack Time money: please could all money be put in an envelope or purse/wallet and given to the class teacher at the start of the day, it can be kept safe then until break time.

Here's looking forward to a fun filled term ahead. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to either dojo me directly or email the office.

Liz Yarney and the Infant team



NOTICES AND REMINDERS

- Please let us know in the school office if any of your contact details change so that we can alter them on our system. This is particularly important for mobile numbers that can change quite regularly, but we do also have a legal responsibility to ensure that all the information we hold on each family is up to date and correct.
- If you would like the school to administer medicines such as antibiotics or painkillers, please ensure a permission form is signed in the office. We are unable to give the medicine if we do not have this in place.
- Please label all uniform as it is easy to mislay items even in our small school.
- Please remember to let us know by phone or note if your child's normal after school transport arrangements will not apply. This is particularly important when after-school clubs are running.
- We would be grateful if parents could avoid using the staff car park (including visitor space) during the morning and afternoon drop off/collection to allow safe access for the school buses. Children should be brought in through the lower entrance.
- Children can be left in school from 8.45am onwards. If you do arrive earlier than this please stay with your children until that time.

Thank you!



Just a reminder that the school is signed up for 'easy-fundraising' which helps raise funds for the school. Over 3000 retailers donate a small percentage of the retail price

to our cause whenever you shop with them online via the easy-fundraising website. The retailers are all household names such as Next, Sainsbury's, M&S, Amazon etc and registering is free and easy.

To register go to: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/eastansteyps

We would like to encourage as many people as possible to sign up and spread the word to friends and family. If you would like further details of the scheme please contact the office.

SPORTS AND OUTDOOR LEARNING KIT

Please can all parents make sure that their child has the appropriate kit in school for the days on which they do PE or outdoor learning. For this term that is Tuesday and Thursday for all children.

The PE kit consists of; a burgundy top, black/blue shorts and trainers. Jogging bottoms and a jumper for when the weather is cold.

Please note the new requirement that children will also need shin pads for football and mouth guards for hockey (later in the term). The school will hold a small stock of shin pads for those who forget on a particular week, but we cannot provide them for the whole school. If any families will have difficulty providing this additional equipment, please contact the office.

Outdoor learning kit consists of:

- Long sleeve tops/shirts for both Winter and Summer and a warmer top when colder
- Bottoms that cover the whole leg e.g. Trousers/leggings/track suit bottoms
- Wellies/boots etc when outside is wet/muddy
- Trainers/boots etc when weather is dry/warm

FREE SCHOOL MEALS/ PUPIL PREMIUM

We continue to encourage families to sign up for free school meals and pupil premium wherever possible as it results in additional funding that is directly available for your child. This can be used to subsidise trips, clubs etc as well as providing additional support if needed in school.

This is different to the **Universal Free School Meals** that are provided for our Infant children so, even if your child is in Year R, 1 or 2 and receiving a free meal, it is still worth applying for pupil premium.

All applications should be made via the citizen portal - full details are available on:

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals>

If you need any assistance with any part of the process, please call in to the school office.

We encourage our new Reception intake to take up those Infant Free Meals as much as possible. There is a choice of at least three options every day and even a 'packed lunch' choice on most days. If your child has any specific dietary requirements, please let us know.

JUNIOR NEWS

Hello all,

We have had a superb start to the year. The children have returned to school eager to get on with our exciting topic 'Transformation.' I have to say how impressed I was with the amount, and also quality, of work which came in from the children for their summer research projects. WOW!

My first-rate team this year are Mrs Dennis, Mr Yarney. Mrs Thompson, Mrs Govier and Miss Nichols. The support staff are crucial in delivering high quality and additional detailed provision for all the children with lots of interventions taking place throughout the week.

Transformation - The Big Bang Theory

We are trying to develop a more cross-curricular curriculum this year whereby we will be making links between our topic within most sessions. We are beginning with 'The Big Bang' and developing an understanding of our place within the universe. We began with an immersion morning where the children were jettied into space to explore the solar system. They did this in their new research groups (mixed across the school) and really enjoyed the kinaesthetic and very visual approach used.

We will be building in more cross-school activities and working alongside peers to support and research topics, some of which will be inspired by the children's own suggestions.

It is a very exciting approach and one which helps to develop critical skills needed for a life-long love of learning.

Physical Education

Miss Nichols from Primary Sports will now be delivering sports coaching each Thursday. Please make sure your child has appropriate clothing for this, especially as the weather is now turning



colder and wetter. Please note that shinpads are required for football and mouth guards for hockey later in the term.

Outdoor learning will be delivered by Mr Yarney and the children will be expected to take part 'whatever the weather.' Therefore, please also make sure child has suitable clothing such as wellies and waterproof clothing.

Home Learning

Home learning is a very valuable part of your child's education not only in practising skills but mainly in the interaction it can provide when working alongside a parent or older sibling. It will take a variety of forms and will be sent home each **Friday**. This will then be due the following **Wednesday**, when all home learning books need to be handed in.

For your information:

- Times tables to be practised each week in preparation for our 6-minute club each Friday morning.
- Children will have their own individual times table to learn and these can be taken directly from the board in class as the child progresses.
- Ten weekly spellings which will be practiced within school developing methods and also looking at spelling patterns. Spelling is an important requirement in the English curriculum and requires support from both school and home. They will then be tested each Friday during our SPAG (Spelling

punctuation and Grammar) sessions.

- All children are encouraged to choose a book from school to take home to read. However, I am more than happy for children to read a range of texts and try to make it clear that I want them to develop a love of reading so anything which interests them is fine. We do weekly guided reading sessions whereby I formatively assess and also develop comprehension skills through group texts.
- We encourage parents to listen to their children read at least once each week and also to make a comment within the reading record, if possible. It is a great home school link.
- Children will also receive one piece of numeracy and literacy homework each week. These activities are designed to encourage home interaction along with developing basic skills. Lots of the activities are game based and very enjoyable. All activities are explained to the children when handed out.

Finally, can I wish you all a great Autumn term and I look forward to seeing you at any of our celebrations such as the Harvest assembly; open morning; the book fair; the Christmas Play; Carol Service and of course parent consultations.

With kindest regards,

*Jenufa Scandrett and
the Junior team*

JUNIOR CLASS TEACHING

Teacher	Session(s)	Day(s)
Mrs Scandrett	Literacy, Numeracy, Music, Art, Topic, PSHE	Tues, Wed, Thurs mornings Monday and Friday all day
Mrs Thompson	Science, RE, MFL	Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon
Mr Yarney	Outdoor learning, PE	Tuesday and Thursday afternoon
Miss Nichols	Sports coaching	Thursday afternoon

CLUBS

Our after-school and lunchtime clubs for this half term are:

After school clubs: (3.30-4.30pm)

Thursday : Football (KS2) *Miss Nichols (Primary Sports)*

Lunchtime clubs:

Monday: Gate to Plate *Mr Govier*

Tuesday: Choir *Mrs Yarney*

Wednesday: School Council *Mrs Scandrett*

Gate to Plate *Mr Govier*

Thursday: Multi Sports (KS1) *Miss Nichols (Primary Sports)*

Woodland Skills *Mr Yarney*

Friday: Art *Mrs Dennis*

Gate to Plate *Mr Govier*

Please make sure you have returned the relevant permission slip. Thank you.

Summer Term Achievers

Weekly Achievers

Infant Achiever: **Raffles**

Junior Achiever: **Louis**

House Points



Totals so far this term

Ruby 22 points

Sapphire 21 points

Emerald 52 points

Amber 59 points

Thought for the term....

It just takes one step to start your journey...

TUCK SHOP



We continue to provide a healthy tuck shop during morning break. Items on offer are healthy snacks such as rice cakes, cheeses, fruit, healthy choice home-made tray bakes and sugar free ice lollies for the warmer days. With the colder weather now on the horizon, we have also added home-made soup to the menu. Items cost from 30p. Please send in any tuck shop money in a purse/envelope so that it doesn't get lost.

BUILDING WORKS AT ANSTEY

Devon County Council are about to carry out some necessary remedial works to the main school roof. With our resident bat population (apparently of national scientific interest!), the work was not able to be carried out during the summer break.

With the change of season and the relevant environmental licence in place, the work is due to start on Monday 14th October and run for approximately 5 weeks.

During the works, the Junior classroom and some staff areas are going to be prohibited from use, so the Junior class will transfer to the Hall for the duration of the work. This clearly has some implications for school activities and events, hence the change to some of the published dates.

Scaffolding is due to be erected over the weekend of 12/13th October when the school is empty, and we will obviously have stringent Health & Safety procedures in place whilst the work is carried out. Whilst we and the contractors are endeavouring to minimise disruption, inevitably additional vehicle movements and workers on site etc. will have some effect on normal routines. We will keep you updated whenever we get further information.

What is working and what isn't? Please use the Soundboard below, pick up the phone or come in and see us. All suggestions and issues are important to us and we will work together to resolve any problems.

Please cut this out and return it to school with any comments/suggestions/questions etc.

Soundboard

Calling all children and families.....

All things dull and ugly, all creatures short and squat,
All things rude and nasty, the Lord God made the lot

Wild Messy Church

St Petrock Church

West Anstey

Sunday 15th September

11.30am - 2pm

*Explore wear wellies seek ponder walk craft
COOK SAUSAGES sing toast Marshmallows
laugh.....*

HARVEST HOT SUPPER

and Sale of Produce

Friday 20th September

Harvest Festival Service at
East Anstey Church 6.30 p.m.
followed by Supper at 7.30 p.m. at
Oldways End Methodist Hall

*Church service collection, Harvest Supper
& Auction in aid of the Anthony Nolan Trust
& the North Devon Hospice*



£7.50 per person
PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN FREE

You do not have to buy a ticket in
advance but if possible, please
telephone 341272 to advise
numbers.
(If Vegetarian please advise)

After School Tennis Coaching for Kids

Dulverton Tennis Club
Every Thursday from Sept 12th
Local DBS cleared coach

7- 10 year olds 4pm - 5pm
11-14 year olds 5.15pm - 6.15pm

£3 per session - pay as you play
Places max. 12 per session

Please come and register

At the first sessions 12th September



NEW!

more info: sally@veristic.net

NEW!

Learn a new skill

Make new friends

Learn some new things

**OFFICIAL
WORLD RECORD
ATTEMPT**

**THE
WORLD'S
LARGEST
RUGBY
BALL**

**SOUTH MOLTON
SUNDAY
15th SEPTEMBER
COMMENCING AT 10am**

JOIN IN AND BE PART OF A GUINNESS WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT
• Family Day Out • Special Market • Rugby Themed Events •
• Premiership Stars • Exhibition Game • Music & Events • Food & Drink •
• DJ Simon Bates Hosting • International Media Coverage •

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