



Message from Mrs Hunkin

Welcome back to school and hopefully to a somewhat more normal school year than last year. I am delighted to welcome two new teachers to our team; Michael Barritt (deputy headteacher and Y4 class) and Kim Lawrence (YF teacher – job share with Mrs Harvey). We are also delighted to welcome Katie Bray back from maternity leave. She will be teaching on Wednesdays and will be spending her time between Y4 and Y5 to provide leadership time for those teachers.

Children in all classes have settled in really quickly and there seems to be a very happy atmosphere throughout the school. I am enjoying getting to know the new pupils in Foundation Class and am gradually learning everyone's names. Staff are in the process of updating the website so that class pages include details of class staff and this term's learning. Lots of exciting learning opportunities have been planned for this term – including educational visits for some classes and historical actors coming to visit other classes.

Thank you so much for your support in following new routines for drop off and pick up. These seem to be working quite well and we will continually review our systems. If you need to contact your child's teacher, please either phone or e-mail the school office and we will arrange for them to get in touch with you as soon as possible.

As detailed in the information we sent before the start of term, please do not send your child to school if they have any covid-19 symptoms (temperature above 37.8, persistent new cough, loss of smell/taste) and please arrange for them to get a PCR covid test as soon as possible (a lateral flow test will not be sufficient). Any child developing a cough or temperature during the day will be kept apart from other children and sent home as soon as possible. We are aware that in many cases coughs are 'normal' for many children, particularly this time of year, and that some children regularly have a raised temperature (possibly linked to tooth or ear infection). However, school staff are not in the position to be able to determine whether or not symptoms are 'normal' or whether they might be because of Covid-19.

In the event of a positive diagnosis of Covid, all family members will need to get a PCR test. If this comes back negative, adults who are double vaccinated and children will not need to continue isolating. We will work with the NHS Track and Trace team to identify which other children will need to get a PCR test. Please be assured that we will do all we can to support your children and to ensure they catch up on missed learning.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or concerns.

Foundation Class

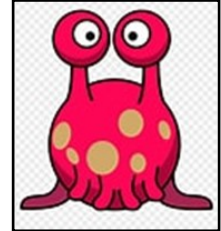
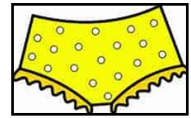
Foundation are settling into Kea School life really well and have already had many exciting and new experiences. We have been learning the routines and have enjoyed exploring the school grounds. We have started Read Write Inc. phonics and have already learnt the sounds m, a, s, t and d.



Year 1

On Wednesday Year 1 launched their "Clothes Topic" with lots of fun activities.

We read and retold the story of "Aliens Love Underpants" and made stick puppets to help us act out the story. We made playdough underpants for the Aliens and then counted the right number of very clean underpants to hang on the washing line for the Aliens.



Year 2

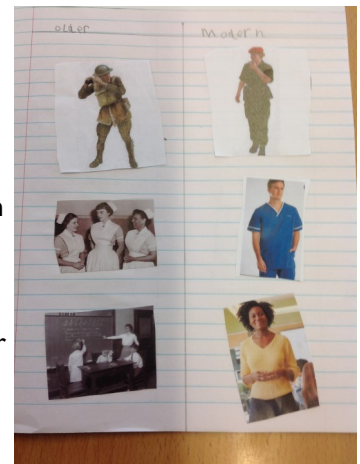
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In Literacy, we have enjoyed reading and creating actions for the story 'The Best Dress Ever!' This week we have started to write the story. I will update our class page with some photos of our writing when we have finished! Year 2 have made an excellent start to the term! They are showing much enthusiasm for our topic of



'Clothes'. So far, we have begun to identify older clothes and modern clothes. We have looked at different uniforms to see how they have changed over time.

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Year 3

Year 3 have been busy making Boggarts in the Orchards. Boggarts are magical, mystical and rather cheeky creatures. Our Boggarts now have some lovely houses to rest in while they are not out getting up to mischief.

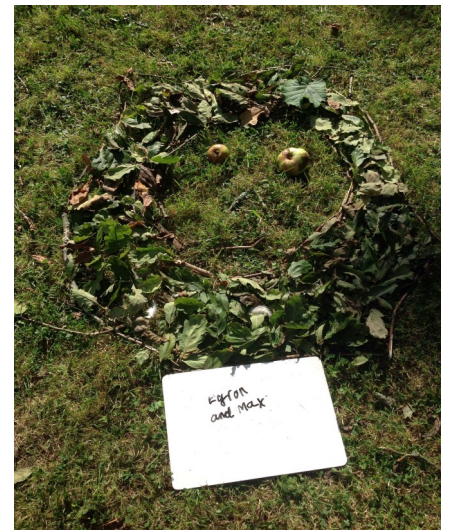


Year 4

Year 4 have had a lovely start to the year. Some of the most popular activities have been those using the school's amazing outside spaces for our science and history lessons. We have been learning about 'classifying' animals in science.



The children were asked to make an animal using natural resources from outside and then had to write in their books about the different characteristics of the animal that they made, and which group it belonged to. We had some very strange looking mammals, reptiles, birds, insects, amphibians and fish!



Year 5

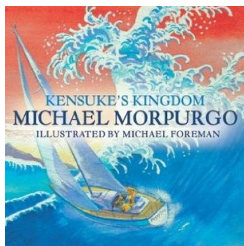
Year 5 have made a fantastic start to the year. They are full of enthusiasm, show great participation and are working wonderfully as a team. We are so proud of them and know they have a great year ahead of them. We have been working on our Year 5 job applications, which include: Groundsman, Gardeners, Recyclers and Playground Buddies and we have also started our intensive swimming lessons.

Year 6

Year 6 have started the new school year with super attitudes and lots of enthusiasm. We have had busy days sorting out business like writing application letters for Got2It jobs, we are responsible for guided tours for prospective new parents and roles like librarians and Wake and Shake leaders. Year 6 will also this year be responsible for writing articles for our newsletter, which they are very excited about.



We have lots to look forward to, the children are already excited about their school camp and that's in May!



Before we get there, we have lots of exciting learning planned, starting off this half term with our Invaders and Settlers topic, learning about Romans, Saxons and Vikings. This week, we found out that the name "Essex" means "the East Saxons" and Sussex means "the South Saxons". Ask your child for more place names that come from Saxon times.

Our new class novel is the Michael Morpurgo classic *Kensuke's Kingdom*, which we are all looking forward to reading.

KEA SCHOOL FRIENDS PRELOVED UNIFORM SHOP

Kea School Friends (KSF) is the PTA for Kea Community Primary School. We are a registered charity that works alongside school staff and pupils in order to raise funds to pay for things that will supplement and enhance your child's experience at the school. One of our enterprises is the 2nd hand uniform shop. We accept good condition used uniform to sell on to other parents. The uniform shop is currently run by Jules (aka the uniform bunny) Items start from just £1 and a Logo jumper that retails at £15 new is only £2 second hand. We generally have items from ages 3/4 all the way up to age 11/12 so uniform is available to purchase when needed for the duration your child's time at Kea School. 'New Starter Uniform Packs' Every summer we offer these to all parents with children starting school in September. If you contact KSF with your child's details including name, age, clothes size & school house we sort out a pack of all the uniform your little one needs to start school (stock allowing). You are welcome to take it all home, try on and then return or swap anything that doesn't fit meaning that you only pay for the items you keep. Upon ordering address & directions will be provided. You can contact Jules to discuss or place an order in any of the following ways: Messenger: Please find 'The Kea School Uniform Bunny' page on Facebook to message Email: julesmhdgson@gmail.com Phone/Text: 07974 682522.



SATURDAYS 10AM IN TERM TIME

Every Saturday during term time Truro City Youth FC run a fun football session for all children from Reception age to year 6. Its pay as you play so no contract. We are all about inclusivity regardless of ability at TCYFC, it's all about having FUN!!!!

We rely on volunteers, so if a parent can help, fantastic!! We can always do with a spare pair of hands on and off the pitch.

It's of course weather dependent, so 'like' our Facebook page and keep an eye out for updates. There's a helpful FAQ section at the bottom of the about tab

All the children need is suitable footwear, shinpads and a drink.

More details on our website and Facebook page.

See you on the Astro

TCYFC COMMUNITY FOOTBALL PROGRAMME

PAY AS YOU GO
£3.50 A SESSION

FA QUALIFIED, FIRST AID TRAINED AND DBS CHECKED COACHES

10AM-11AM
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10AM-11:30AM
YR2 TO YR6

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