



## 21st January 2022

Dear parents and carers,

This week we have been talking about the importance of self-belief and how we can be and do anything that we choose, if we work hard enough at it, with lots of determination and resilience. Throughout the week I have seen this in spades across the school with the children demonstrating brilliant attitudes to their learning:

- **Acorns** have been continuing to base a lot of their learning on the story of 'Supertato'. They have also been doing some amazing independent writing – I had to double check with them that they weren't year 6!
- **Seedlings** have blown me away, using their computer skills to create shapes and make their own pictures in the style of Kandinsky.
- Geography has been creating a buzz in **Buds** as they have explored the human and physical features of a local seaside town, St Ives.
- Climate zones are being looked at in detail in the **Young Oaks** and they have been using their art skills to create their own 3D globes to show these. A bit messy but exciting!
- **Bur Oaks** are fast becoming division experts – using table facts to help them with more tricky written methods.
- Volcanos have been a focus for the **Red Oaks** this week – their minds have been 'erupting' and they dazzled me with their knowledge about where volcanoes are found in the world (and why) and how they are formed.
- The **Mighty Oaks** are always superstars and this week has been no different. Amongst other learning they have been grappling with some tricky concepts when comparing and ordering fractions.

Reading and phonics has and will remain a priority across the school for us. We are seeing more children getting close to the million word threshold on Accelerated Reader which is fantastic and our younger children are showing great progress in phonics. Thank you to our parent and carers for working so hard to support this with lots of reading at home - [this really does make a huge difference](#).

As a staff team we have been continuing to work hard in developing our curriculum, exploring how we can ensure that we have strong thematic and progressive links, whilst also making sure that learning is powerful, purposeful and of course fun!

Finally, this week we are really sad to be saying goodbye to Miss Elvans who has been a big part of our school over the last couple of years. She will be greatly missed by all of us but we wish her all of the best for her next adventure!

I hope everyone has a great weekend.

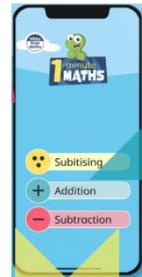
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Keaton showing lots of resilience in maths this week.

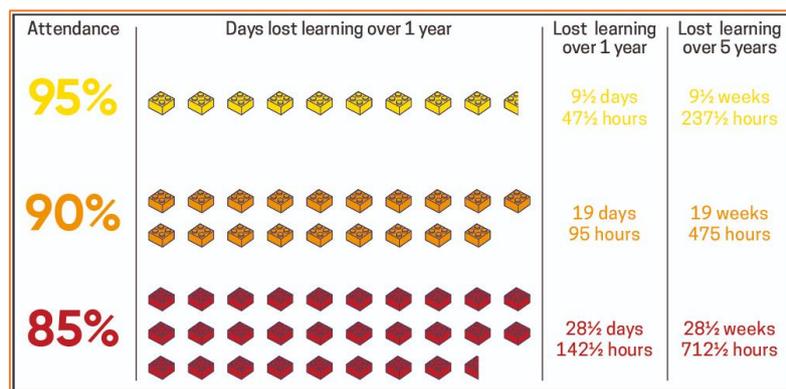
## One Minute Maths

Building greater number confidence and fluency is crucial in helping children progress in maths. We now have access to a free app [HERE](#) – this gives focused 1-minute practice in lots of different areas. **Definitely worth checking it out and regular use could really help your children.**



## Attendance

We understand the impact of COVID has had an unavoidable impact on attendance over the last few weeks. However good and punctual attendance at school is key to doing well and the guidance is clear that if children are not showing symptoms of COVID and are testing negative then they should be in school. **Lateness and missed days really impact** on children following a sequence of learning and quickly leaves them with gaps in understanding and disadvantages them. As mentioned in last week's newsletter our Education Welfare Office, Mr Will de Labat will become more involved where poor attendance is a cause for concern.



## Swimming

Swimming starts for Mighty Oaks (Y6) next week and will take place every afternoon for two weeks. The children will leave school at about 12.30pm for the swimming session at 1pm and travel by coach to Truro Leisure Centre. The session will finish at 2pm and the children will return to school by coach after this.



The Leisure Centre would like all children to wear a swimming hat if possible and they will also need to ensure that they have swimming trunks/costume and a towel for each day. Goggles although not compulsory would also be beneficial.

### A message from the Parish Council

The Parish Council have received several reports of dog owners using the Recreation Ground to exercise their dogs, particularly on the way to and from school. Please be reminded that No dogs are permitted in the Recreation Ground, this includes dogs on leads. There have been occasions where the Football team have had to clean up dog mess before or during matches and training. The School also use the pitch for sports and there is a serious health hazard involved.

Owners walking their dogs on the way to and from school are very welcome to use the Millennium Green providing dogs are kept on a lead and mess is cleaned away.

Thank you

Chacewater Parish Council

### School Camp Reminder

We are excited to have been able to book our Y6 camp for June at Porthpean Outdoor Centre. Porthpean is a great campsite, which overlooks Carlyon Bay, and is run by Cornwall Outdoors by fully qualified and experienced instructors.

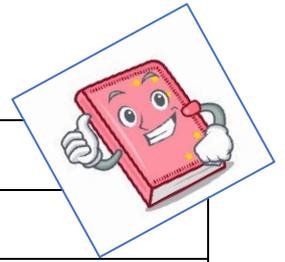


The camp will be a three day/two night residential and will include a range of activities such as coasteering, kayaking, high ropes assault course, archery and climbing. We hope that all of our year 6 will be able to join us for this. To confirm a place, we are asking for a deposit of £35 to be paid by the end of this month. Further details from the letter sent out at the end of last year can be found [HERE](#).

### Rainbows, Brownies and Guides - A message from 1<sup>st</sup> Chacewater

Whether your daughter wants to join Rainbows (4-7), Brownies (7-10) or Guides (10-14), start her Girlguiding journey here. **This is now taking place in the school every Friday evening.** Begin by registering her interest and finding out about units in your area. [Join Us! \(girlguiding.org.uk\)](http://girlguiding.org.uk)

Don't forget that guiding is not just for young people. If you would like to volunteer and support Girlguiding in your community, register using the link and we will be in touch.



<b>Dates For Your Diary</b>	
24.1.22	Y6 Two Week Swimming Block begins.
16.2.22	Y4 Geevor Tin Mine Trip
17.2.22	Y3 Eden Trip
17.2.22	End of half term for children
<b>18.2.22</b>	<b>Inset Day – School closed to children.</b>
28.2.22	Start of new half term
8.4.22	End of Spring Term
25.4.22	Start of Summer Term



## **GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS**

ACORNS	Miya-Rose and Jensen
SEEDLINGS	George and Ada
BUDS	Evelyn and Jackson
YOUNG OAKS	Jacob, Bailey and Lorna
BUR OAKS	Harry and Ella
RED OAKS	Leo and Logan
MIGHTY OAKS	Alfie and Molly



