

Powerstock Primary



Tuesday 29th September



Burton class enjoying an archery session with Paul Kingston.

New Term

All the classes and new pupils have settled in really well and everyone has been getting stuck into some exciting learning. Burton class have been blasting off into space and Mrs Oxenbury has even organised a day trip to the moon! We are also hoping to join up with Thorner's School, to share the Science Dome to go and experience the night sky and other things.

Meanwhile Cogden and Seaton have been enjoying getting stuck into the Romans. Mrs Seal is organising a trip to discover Roman Dorchester

(details out soon) for both classes. Seatown have also been designing some amazing Roman shields. Our fantastic PSA have also agreed to pay for local Design Technology specialist Mike Brigden to come in and work with all the children.

The children have also been enjoying the new Archery sessions with Paul Kingston in one of their PE sessions organised by Mrs Cleden.

It has been a busy but great fun start to this year's learning.

Kite Festival

A huge thank you needs to go to Sarah House and her fabulous team of tea tent helpers. We were lucky with the weather for the Kite festival which had just the right amount of sun and wind! Thank you to all of you who made a cake, served a tea or came along and bought one! Special thanks to Brian Johnson for the loan of his generator to power the kettles.

As one of the main beneficiaries of the Kite Festival we are indebted to Archie Turner and his team from the Round Table for running the festival.

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Roman Shields

As part of their Roman topic Seaton pupils have been designing their own legionnaire shields. Abi says that the shields have been fun to paint in bright colours, but the hardest bit was getting the detail right. For James it has been really fun making them because he enjoyed using ancient Roman designs. Seaton will put them on display once they have been finished.

Calendar Dates

We have put together a list of school dates for the year ahead for you. Inevitably there will be new dates and activities added and some cancellations due to the weather through the year, but it should give you a basic outline.

Restorative Justice

As part of our staff professional development at the start of this term, the school has introduced a restorative justice approach to solving disputes and problems between pupils. The approach is based on 4 key features:

RESPECT - for everyone by listening to other opinions and learning to value them

RESPONSIBILITY - take responsibility for your own actions

REPAIR - developing children's skills to identify solutions that repair harm and ensure mistakes are not repeated

RE-INTEGRATION - working through a structured and supported process that aims to solve a problem and rebuild friendships and working relationships

If there is a problem between pupils, a member of staff will take the children involved through 5 important basic questions:

1. What happened?
2. What were your thoughts at the time?
3. What have your thoughts been since?
4. How has this affected you and others?
5. What do you think needs to happen next?

In many schools where this approach has been adopted pupils are more able to self-regulate their own behaviour and learning. We want every child in Powerstock to be even more responsible for their own actions, and aware of other people's feelings.



Calendar Dates

October

Thursday 1st

Colfox Open day - Y6 pupils only

Saturday 10th

Powerstock Hut - Auction of Pledges

Wednesday 14th

Cogden & Seaton Roman Dorchester Trip

Thursday 15th

Powerstock School Open Day

Tuesday 20th

Parents Evening 3:30-5:30pm

Thursday 22nd

Parents Evening 4:30-6:30pm

Friday 23rd

Harvest Service 1:30pm

Last day of half term

Monday 26th-Friday 30th

Half-term holiday

November

Monday 2nd

Term begins for Staff and Pupils

Tuesday 3rd

School photos for individuals

Monday 9th

Tri-Golf for Cogden begins

Friday 13th

BBC Children in Need - Dressing up day (Theme TBA)

Tuesday 17th

KS1 Multi-skills at Colfox for Y1&2

Friday 27th

PSA Christmas Decorations with Seaton 1:30pm

Monday 30th

PSA Christmas Decorations with Burton 9:15am and Cogden 1:30pm



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