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Some self-portraits inspired by Frida Kahlo and Roy Lichtenstein





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It has been a great week and a half back to begin our Spring Term with so much going on and so much more still to come!

This week we held one of our Believe, Achieve, Aspire Days to celebrate teamwork, encourage resilience, develop self-confidence and offer unique opportunities to our children that focus on their wider-development and our wider-curriculum. Last year these days had a sporting focus, whilst this year we are focusing on the 'Arts'. We welcomed in Imogen and Emily from the Minack Theatre as well as Mrs Day from Cape Cornwall and our own Mrs Ayotte. Throughout the day we ran workshops on art, drama, storytelling and our school ethos. It was so pleasing to hear about our children's super behaviour, positive attitudes toward their learning and manners; it also made me so proud to see their outcomes from the day - the work that they produced, the skills they developed and how they then applied these throughout the week were brilliant to see around the school.

As you know, one of our priorities this year is to develop our collaborative provision to increase the outcomes our children produce; our Believe, Achieve, Aspire days celebrate this and lead to some great working partnerships. For example, our Year 5 and 6s will be visiting The Minack Theatre next Monday to carry out a workshop and our Year 1/2s will be visiting soon as well. Our Year 3/4s will also be heading out in the coming weeks as they visit Penlee Museum. It's great to apply the work we do in school in these ways and really bring our learning to life.

We have also restarted our clubs this week. One of our new clubs for the term is a hockey club for Key Stage 1. Our Key Stage 2 children have recently entered the local hockey league and have put in some great performances, so our next step is to develop our skills within Key Stage 1 and we are fortunate enough to have Mrs Curnow of Penzance Hockey Club coming in to deliver some high quality coaching sessions. If your child in Year 1 or 2 would like to start up and join this club, then please do let us know as soon as possible.

Our focus on attendance continues this term and thank you to all of our families for supporting this, we've had a really positive start to our attendance this term - it really does have such a positive impact on your child's learning.

Within our writing priority we are currently carrying out our whole school writing project. Children in all classes are developing writing around the book 'Journey'. It is great to see the buzz around this shared learning and the progress of writing throughout the school. Writing goes hand in hand with reading; you can really assist your child's writing by promoting reading at home; it shouldn't be seen as a chore as there are endless books that can capture your child's imagination, provide them with knowledge in an area of interest or teach them something new. Spending 10 minutes listening to your child read as often as you can, as well as reading to them, is so beneficial to their learning. It really develops children's vocabulary, understanding and can be a way to relax, ease stress, build self-esteem and enhances imagination. Yes, there are some barriers or challenges to reading - hectic lives, some resistance from children perhaps or other factors; but if the importance of reading and passion for it is promoted at home as in school, then it really helps.

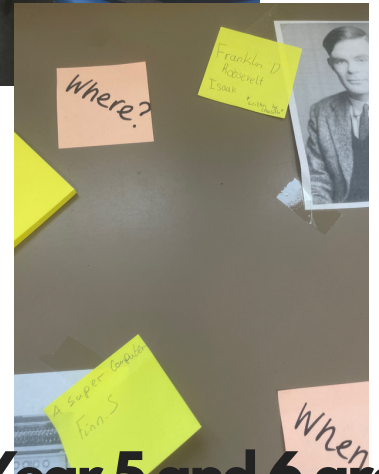
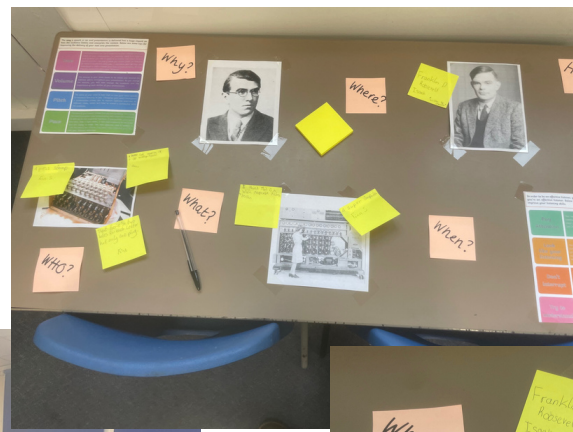
Remember that reading for pleasure doesn't have to be from a story book, it can be anything that engages your child. A magazine or comic, instructions or recipes, a book about a hobby or interest are all great ways to promote and access reading.

On Friday we text a link to an updated form around photo consent. We aim to keep these current and there are some further items that we now need consent for; it only takes a minute to complete so please update this as soon as possible - thank you.

Remember that you can stay up-to-date with what your child is learning through our curriculum page on our website and your child's class page!

Have a great weekend

Mr McDonald and all at St Buryan Academy



Some of our children take part in story-telling and drama sessions.

Year 5 and 6 are developing their knowledge on World War 2.

TERM DATES 2022-23

AUTUMN:

5 SEPT - 16 DEC

(HALF TERM 24 OCT-28 OCT)

SPRING:

3 JAN - 31 MAR

(HALF TERM 13 FEB-17 FEB)

SUMMER:

17 APR - 25 JUL

(HALF TERM 29 MAY-2 JUN)

2022/23 INSETS

5TH SEPTEMBER 2022

21ST OCTOBER 2022

3RD JANUARY 2023

5TH JUNE 2023

25TH JULY 2023

26TH JULY 2023

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PARENTAL MEETINGS

Year 6 parents - please make sure that you sign up for your parental meetings with either Mrs Rendle or Mrs Ayotte.

Reception and Year 2 parental meetings will be confirmed soon.

Year 1,3 and 4 will be later this term.

Thank you

