

THE PREP WEEKLY

7th November 2025



A message from the Prep team

Well what a fantastic start to the term Prep have had! From celebrating Diwali to swimming in Millfield to digging in Forest school all alongside Maths, English, Science and so much more- our children are not only lucky to have these broad experiences but amazing at keeping up with the pace and embracing everything they do!

Our Prep team have been impressed with how the adapted drop off and pick up routines have quickly become easy, making our site feel more secure for all.

Our Prep team have exciting plans to embed and celebrate reading in school this half term and moving forward- watch this space!

We have some lovely events on next week including our annual Rotary Heats for children in years 4-6. We have heard many of these being practised and are super impressed with the breadth of topics- we have presentations on subjects from football to pregnancy to mental health! The Rotarians are in for a treat!

Please remember that if you are picking your child up out of school drop off and pick up times for any reason you need to email the office and your child's class teacher so we can organise them for early collection. As always, please look regularly on Dojo for any information you may need throughout the week and see highlights of your child's learning throughout the week too. Have a lovely weekend. If you are attending the Remembrance parade in Teignmouth on Sunday please look out for our Senior pupils taking part in the parade as part of our CCF community at school.

Mrs Hughes

The Week Ahead

Monday 10th November

- Year 4&5 Rotary Heats (9am-12pm)

Tuesday 11th November

- Remembrance Service for pupils
- Prep 6 Rotary Heats (2-3pm)

Wednesday 12th November

No Events

Thursday 13th November

- Prep 4 Contact Rugby Festival @ St Peters

Friday 14th November

- Children in Need- Mufti plus something spotty!
- ISA South West Rugby Tag Festival @Kingsley School 8.30am-4.30pm (Selected team from Prep 3-6)



Bookworm Club!



Each week a selected group of our most avid bookworms are enjoying the opportunity to visit the infamous Senior school Red Library where they are welcomed by students from years 7 and 8. During this classtime lesson they get to explore the library and enjoy talking about books, their favourite reading topics and selecting some to read too. This is a lovely opportunity for our Prep children to not only lose themselves in their love of reading but to spend time with role models from the older years who are equally loving the experience. Mrs Moffatt and Mrs Stowell have been impressed with our Preps in this new club.

ISA Swimming



On Thursday we took Alastair, Jess, James, Abigail, Huey, Levi, Eris, Henry and Amba to Millfield Swimming pool in Somerset to compete in the annual ISA Regional Swimming finals. This is a highly competitive event with swimmers from schools from all around the South West battling it out to qualify for the ISA Nationals in London. Our swimming team did themselves proud with each swimmer giving their all, showcasing their training and showing excellent competitive spirit. A special mention to Jess who came 1st in her heat and Eris who came 2nd.

We are awaiting final results to see if any of our Prep Swimmers have qualified for the Nationals on the 28th November.



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Around the classes



The Lodge By Mrs Bryant

This week, we celebrated November 5th with a tuff tray filled with coloured rice and pictures of different fireworks, rockets, sparklers, catherine wheels, and more. The children used paintbrushes to identify fireworks, recognising big and small ones. We practised fine motor skills by drawing patterns in white sand, copying some pictures that were available. The children discussed fireworks they had seen or might see, the noises they heard, and learnt some new words like whizz, crackle, bang, sizzle, whoosh, and pop. The children also made firework pictures using different coloured paint and colour tubes which had cut slits of various thickness.

As well as listening to 'My First Festival' and Bonfire Night stories, we also read 'Red Rocket' and 'Rainbow Jelly,' exploring colours and sharing our favourite. The children also made edible sparklers by dipping breadsticks in white icing and decorating with sprinkles.



The Stables By Mrs Wray-Chance

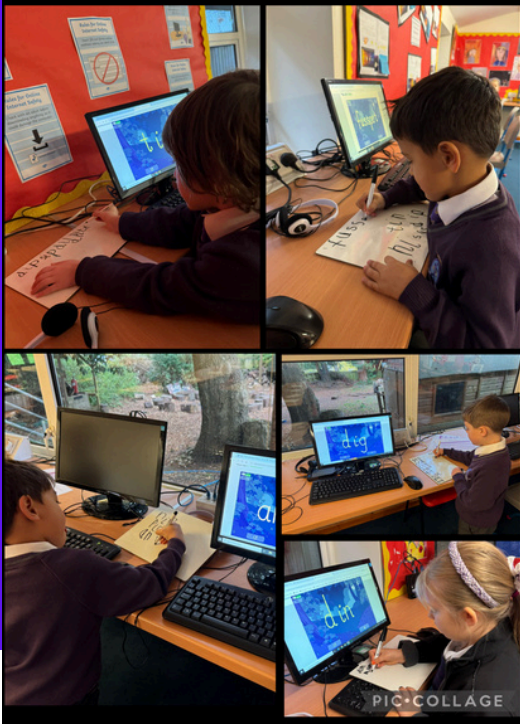
This week we have continued our mini beasts and life cycles topic. We have read number books which encourage 1 less than a given number and also focus on tadpoles changing to frogs and caterpillars to butterflies. This fitted very well with our sensory tuff tray activity which gave the look and feel of frog spawn with Lily pads and play frogs and decorating cupcakes to look like frogs. We looked at the caterpillars in the Lodge that have made cocoons around themselves and discussed what will happen next. We made our own Hungry Caterpillar necklaces by threading pasta and card onto a lace to follow a pattern and finished off by making our very own beautiful symmetry butterflies using paint and cotton buds, to add to our wall display.



Reception By Mrs Ganner

Reception have had a great first week back after half term. We have talked about celebrations and created Firework pictures using a variety of mixed media, including paints, chalks and sequins! Alongside this, the children thought of lots of onomatopoeia words to describe the sounds that fireworks make. We wrote these together to add to their creations. I think you'll agree that they look wonderful!

Around the classes



Prep 1

By Mrs May

Prep One combined ICT, reading and handwriting this week on the computers and used a firework sparkler handwriting game. The children read the words as they appeared letter by letter on the screen and then wrote them on whiteboards. The words were intentionally simple so that they could be read, remembered, and copied as a look, read, cover, write check exercise with emphasis on correct letter formation, which will be ready to join next.



Prep 2

By Mrs Broom

We had a wonderful afternoon celebrating Diwali. We had Miss Vaid come in to talk to the children about Diwali and read the story of Rama and Sita. We had lots of activities including Mendhi, Bindhi, Diya making clay, lantern making and colouring Diwali patterns. A great celebration!



Prep 3

By Mrs Young

This week in Mathematics Prep 3 have been completing some fantastic work on column subtractions calculations. the children have successfully learned to borrow across the ones and tens columns. It has been fantastic to see the class confidently enjoying their work. Keep it up Prep 3!

Around the classes



Prep 4

By Mrs Hughes

In Outdoor learning the children enjoyed making Hybernaculums. This is to house small reptiles, insects and bugs that live in Forest School. They worked hard in horrendously wet conditions to dig a hole using our lovely new equipment. Next week they will be sawing drainpipes and collecting bricks to place inside the hibernaculum.



Prep 5

By Mrs Sutton

It has been lovely to see Prep 5 back this week. They have all been working very hard getting to grips with common factors and prime numbers. In English, we have been looking at epic survival stories and building skills toward some collaborative explanation text writing. In the Science lab this week, they have been discussing gravity and using newton -metres to measure the force of gravity acting on various objects. To burn off steam on a very rainy Tuesday, they had a lovely time in the dome racing around an indoor 'cross country' course completing various challenges along the way.



Prep 6

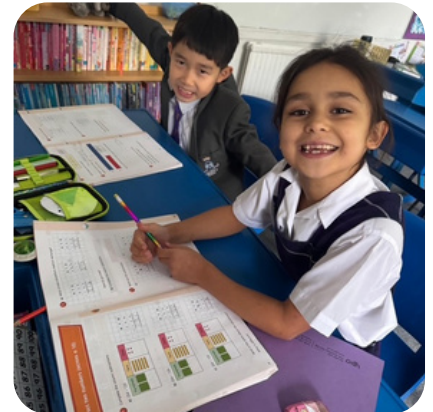
By Grace Till

This week Prep 6 have been exploring the wonders of light and reflection. So to prove out theory Prep 6 made periscopes like you would find on a submarine. We used them to see things from a different perspective and from a different point of view. Thankyou Mrs Leason!

Prep Life!



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WOW!

Workers of the
Week

Amba
Tilly
Lana



House Point Winners...

Powderham!

