



# Yealmpton Primary School

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Dear Yealmpton family,

I hope this letter finds you well. We've had a busy week in school with lots of important visitors descending upon us! On Thursday, our WeST School Improvement Lead, Stewart Gale, came to see us for a monitoring visit. Stewart had time to walk around school and pop into the classes. He was very impressed with the behaviour and learning attitudes of the children and the progress they are making on their own learning journeys. In a similar vein, we welcomed Pete Hughes, CEO of Mossbourne Academy and Amy Wood, Principal of Mossbourne Riverside Academy in Hackney, London, into school. Following a tour of the school, the team were glowing about the curriculum and the provision in place for the children. This is a huge compliment to all the staff and the hard work they put into enabling successful outcomes for all our children, well done team!

This week our children have continued their Winter theme, exploring the ice that has been formed from the cold weather, and they have explored ways to break up ice and melt it! In contrast, in Year 1 our talented gymnasts have been exploring ways to travel across different surfaces using the different movements they have been developing.



In Year 3, the children have been learning about the story of Ganesha's birth, developing representations of Ganesha and the Aum symbol, while in Year 2 the children have been learning about the Prophet Muhammad and the story of the crying camel. Keep up the great RE work!



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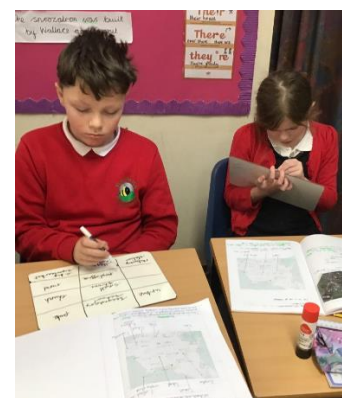
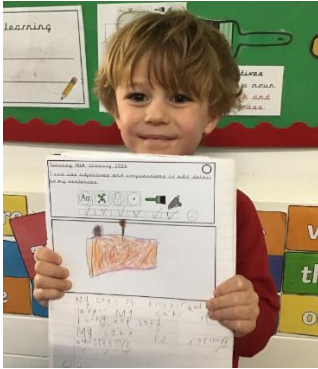
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Elsewhere in school, our academics have been working hard on their sentence structure and handwriting, measuring outside the classroom in Maths, and receiving another visitor in school, this time from South West Water. They've also been developing shadow puppets, gestural drawings of still life and investigating the features of different settlements.



Next week our children in Year 5 begin their 3 week block of swimming, at Plymouth Life Centre. We are looking for 1 more parent helper who may be able to support with the daily sessions. We have some of the days covered but still need an additional helper for others. If you could support, please contact Mr Huxtable in Year 5 or Mrs Webber in the office. We leave just after school drop off in the morning and return to school between 11.30 and 11.45am.

We are delighted to let you know that our application to the Tesco Stronger Starts has been successful and our project is now open to a customer vote in Tesco stores. Voting is now open and will run until the end of March 2024. Our project is the Regeneration of the outside play area at school. We would like to create an exciting and stimulating environment for all of the children to enjoy. The project with the highest votes will receive £1500, second place will receive £1000 and third place will receive £500. Let's try and be first! If you are in local Tesco stores – Lee Mill, Ivybridge, Plympton – don't forget to pick up the blue coins and vote for our school project! Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, 'Be the best you can be' – the BEST version of you!

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