



Ocean wave

March 2021

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PURPOSE

Message from the Principal – Mrs Quarrie

Dear parents and carers,

How lovely has been to welcome back all of our children and families. It has been like a breath of fresh air to see the classrooms full and the playground buzzing with excited children. The children are happy to be back in school and have settled so well. This is testament to the support they have had throughout lockdown at home and the efforts of the staff to ensure school is once again a safe and stimulating place to be.

World Book Day was enjoyed at school and at home and it was a real pleasure to see just how much effort had been put into the costumes at home as well as those who came into school dressed up. Reading is hugely important to us here at Ocean and when parents support us by reading with their children at home, the benefits are invaluable. Thank you also for the support you give with the home learning set – we really do appreciate it and your child benefits from the reinforced learning.

Our teachers are looking forward to speaking with you in the near future via telephone consultation. This will be an opportunity for you to discuss the progress made by your child and how well they have settled back into school life. Please do sign up for a slot. If you have any problems doing this, contact the school office who will be happy to help.

The CPTA Easter ‘Bunny Bingo’ was a success – so many Easter goodies were brought into school and again, your support is helping to raise valuable funds for the academy. A huge thank you as ever for the time and effort the CPTA spend to organise these events. Please do see below for more information on how you can help this dedicated team.

I hope you have a fantastic Easter break and we look forward to welcoming all of the children back on Monday 19th April 2021. On our return our leaning skill will be **COMMUNICATION**.

Best wishes

J. Quarrie

Mrs J Quarrie – Principal



School Office reminders

Reminder!

It is lovely to see and hear the children back at Ocean Academy – we have missed them. Please do drop into the office, phone us on 01202 606888 or email office@ocean-aspirations.org for enquiries, lunch orders, uniform requirements and medical issues. We can also support you or signpost you to someone. We have a small stock of uniform you can purchase via school money – just place your order and we will deliver it to you via your child. Coloured PE t shirts are available to buy at a cost of £7. If you wish to purchase your uniform online via the website <http://www.brigade.uk.com/> but please be aware it can take two weeks to get your order. Please remember to email or phone if your child is unwell or will not be at school – otherwise we will phone you! Thanks for your support. ☺☺

Attendance

Dolphins	98.76	Orcas	96.61
Seahorses	97.06	Seals	94.43
Jellyfish	96.59	Piranhas	94.35
Penguins	98.13	Barracudas	97.15
Turtles	97.94	Stingrays	96.63
		Swordfish	96.41

Congratulations Dolphins class – super attendance since we returned on 8 March!

Year 3 Updates

What a fantastic start to our first week back! It has been truly wonderful to see smiley, happy faces in person again and year 3 have settled back into Ocean life superbly well. Well done to everyone for their perseverance and determination during remote learning, we made it! We absolutely loved seeing some fantastic costumes on World Book Day, both in school and at home! Upon returning, we are learning how to write simple, compound and complex sentences in English, and are really beginning to show some flare! In maths, we will be revisiting place value, addition and subtraction, and multiplication and division! In geography we are learning all about erosion and have fully immersed ourselves into this, exploring different coastal features caused by erosion. We will be moving onto the water cycle before Easter and conducting a mini-experiment to show us how the water cycle happens on Earth!

Year 3 Team



Mr Dumb is the pond thinking really big a pack He laughs on and laughs himself as he spins a dead, stinky, rotting fish in the pond. He decides right this designating pack in Mrs Dumb's job. The right whilst Mrs Dumb was using the bath more, Mr Dumb quickly snatched the sand and pack into Mrs Dumb's sandy bag. Then he got into his sand bag and waited for the sun to begin... Mrs Dumb come in and said "what is that smell?" "It's a fishy smell you smelly old...". Mr Dumb looked up and got into his already Mrs Dumb's carious Mr Dumb and signs into his hand. I immediately she got something, soft, squishy, slimy and wet in her bag. She removed "there's something on my hand? Oh, do be quiet you ugly old man!" said Mr Dumb. Suddenly Mrs. Dumb tried to flip the dead fish off the mirror but instead it flew right up into the air and came down with a great splash onto her face. It smelled like old socks and rotten eggs. UGH! And she ran and hid in the shower and refused to come out for three days.

It has been wonderful to welcome Year 4 back to school. They have settled in nicely and have returned with such a growth mindset. We could not be prouder of how incredibly hard the children worked whilst learning at home and in school.

We have begun our new Roman topic. As part of our hook, the children analysed a range of primary and secondary sources to understand more about Roman shields. They used this learning to design and make their own shields.

In English, the children have enjoyed reading our new focus text 'Ice Trap! Shackleton's Incredible Expedition'. Over the next few weeks, the children will be learning how to write a diary entry as if they were Shackleton. In maths, the children have been working hard to secure their understanding of the four operations and will be using this to solve problems involving length and perimeter. They have continued to make great progress with their times tables. Please keep practising these with your child at home.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their creative rotation of cookery, design technology, art and forest school so far and cannot wait to continue with this throughout the summer term.

Keep up the excellent learning attitude, Year 4!



Year 4 Team

Year 5 Updates

Welcome back Year 5!

It has been so lovely welcoming the whole of Year 5 back to school, seeing their lovely smiley faces each morning. The children have settled back into the school routine incredibly well and have been really focused with their learning.

We are thrilled to have a 3D printer at school and the children have begun their first drafts of creating a bookmark using TinkerCAD. This learning will continue into the next few weeks and we look forward to seeing the final products! We have continued our learning about the Maya civilisation and have had great fun attempting the play the Mayan sport 'Pok-Ta-Pok' - although, I think we can safely say it was much harder than we had imagined! Nevertheless, the children persevered and refused to give up! We shared a lovely World Book Day in our final week of home learning. It was super to see some fantastic costumes both at home and at school. The children thoroughly enjoyed the online activities. We had some super letters to authors written and some fantastic pictures of reading dens created! A massive well done for all the entries for the Extreme Reading Challenge. It was an extremely tough task to pick the winners!

Well done Year 5 for such a seamless return to school.

It has been so lovely to have you all back and we are excited for our learning!

Year 5 Team



Year 6 Updates

Welcome back to school Year 6! Pupils have returned to school with renewed enthusiasm and the change in atmosphere is palpable. Children have reunited with friends, the playground is noisy and full of life and face-to-face learning has resumed to the delight of all.

In Year 6, we have created gratitude journals. These are personal and unique to each pupil and allow children to reflect upon the things that they are grateful for. Children have learned that when things get tough, it can be easy to forget about those positive, constant things in our lives. The gratitude journal is a working document and lives in pupils' trays as a point of reference. As a positive talking point, discuss the contents of their journal with your child.

Pupils have enjoyed exploring TinkerCAD. They have started their bookmark project and there is much excitement over the prospect at having their designs realised on the school's 3D printer. In music, pupils have been learning chords on the ukulele - an excellent instrument for children of this age. If your child shows an interest, you can pick up a good ukulele for around £40. The positive impact of learning an instrument extends far beyond the joy of being able to play music. For example, some of the many benefits are that it can: improve concentration; improve coordination, improve confidence, provide children with a sense of achievement and relieve stress.

Our current science topic is 'Evolution and Inheritance'. Year 6 conducted an investigation recently. We learned that birds' beaks have adapted over many thousands of years to best access the food available to them in their habitat. In our experiment, we used a variety of 'beaks' (tweezers, chopsticks, clothes pegs) and assessed how effective they were in picking up different types of food. We concluded that some beaks were better than others at collecting the foods and therefore, if you were a bird with a beak suited to the food in your habitat, you were likely to survive and pass your genes on to the next generation. This is one reason why some species thrive and others become extinct.

Thank you for your support during lockdown. Pupil engagement online was good. Pupils are quickly regaining their stamina for learning and this has smoothed the transition between home learning and classroom learning. Although SATs have been cancelled, pupils will still be studying hard to embed their knowledge of the key stage 2 curriculum in preparation for Year 7.

Year 6 Team



Children, Parent, Teacher Association (CPTA)



It has been a quiet period for the CPTA as with most things during this tricky time. We will update you on any further events planned. Thank you for your continued support.

PLEASE do get in touch if you can help in anyway – however small. All the money raised goes towards supporting your children. You can contact the school office or return the slip below if you can offer your support.

CPTA interest reply slip:

Name: **Mobile Number:**

I am interested in joining the CPTA and am happy to help with.....

My child is in year

Sports update



During the spring term, we challenged the children within PE, both at home and in school.

The children at school participated in a personal challenge to improve how far they could throw and how fast they could run, over a short and a long distance. We saw some great results with each child improving their scores week on week. Year 4 were very fortunate to work with

Rippa Rugby on a Monday, and all year groups also got to experience some fun football sessions with the AFC Bournemouth Community coaches.

Indoors, we continued with gymnastics and began to look at travelling/jumping and controlling our bodies. At home, the children were set challenges by Mr White and we saw some amazing work - well done for this!

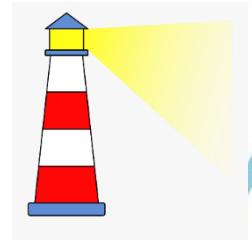
Pastoral care

Hello, my name is Mrs Simpson and I am Pastoral Care Leader for Ocean Academy. I am here to support children, parents and families. The children can find me in the 'Lighthouse office' in school every day.



For adults please contact me through the school office. I can offer advice, a listening ear or arrange professional support where necessary. I can also be found on the gate most mornings if you want to catch me.

In school we can support and nurture children with their emotional development and aim to provide a wraparound response to involve the whole family.



As a school we aim to provide early help support for any areas of concern or worries. We can sign post families, as soon as a problem emerge, to provide targeted early help services to address the assessed needs of a child and their family which focuses on activity to improve the outcomes for the child.

We aim to work in partnership with you for you and your children. We are not here to judge but impart the knowledge we have access to, to build strong foundations for children to succeed in life.

Silver Cup Winners – Spring Term 2021

	SPORTING HERO	RESILIENCE	CITIZENSHIP	GROWTH MINDSET	KINDNESS	CREATIVE
YEAR 3	Summer	Joshuah	Lily-Rose	Finn	Sofia	Poppie
YEAR 4	Ocean	Andie	Hollie	Kajetan	Tilda W	Theo
YEAR 5	Kian	Amelia	Aimee	Casey	Blake	Rafael
YEAR 6	Krystal G	Giovanna	Magenta	Zachary S	Joe D	Isaac R

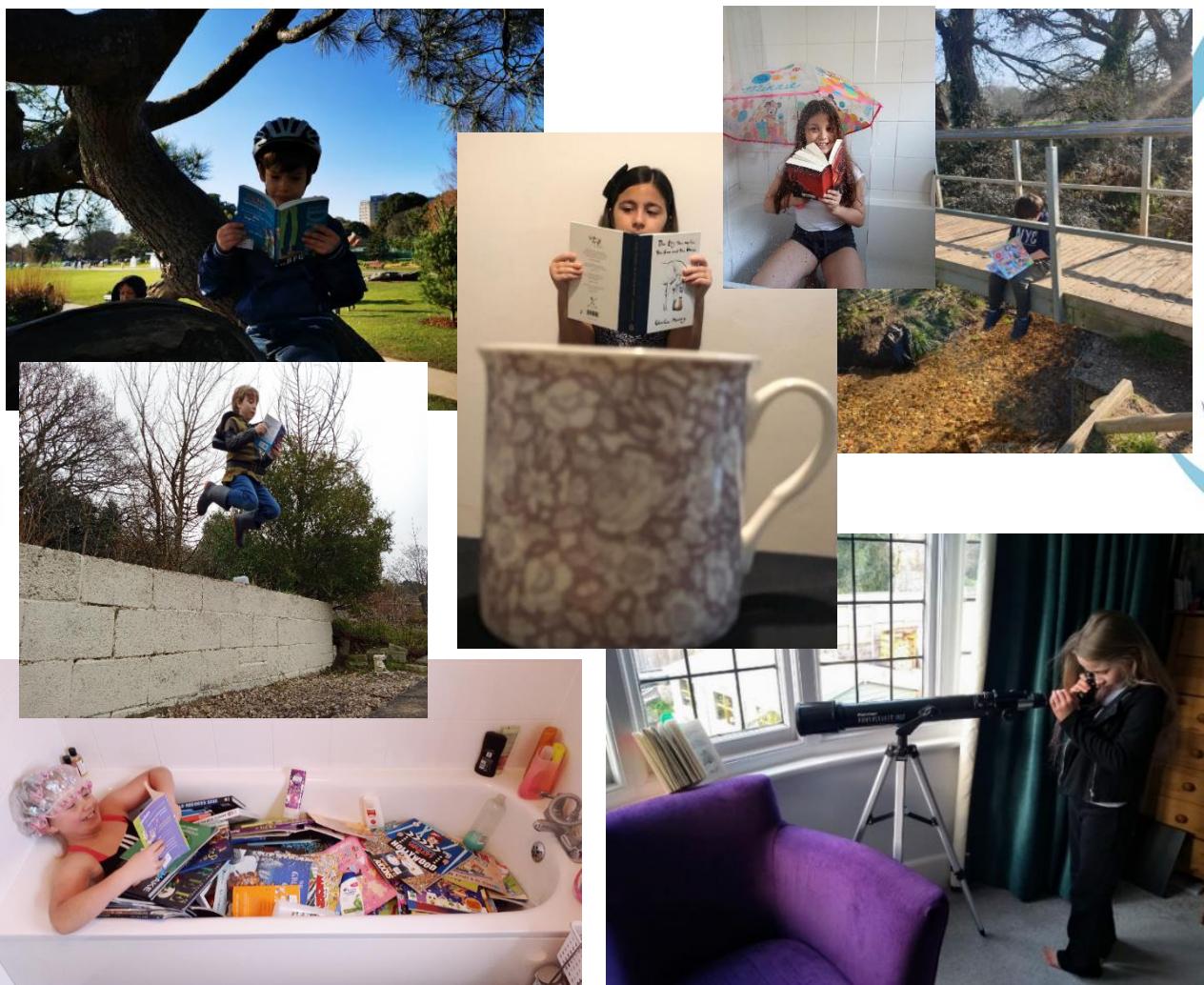
Extreme Reading Challenge and World Book Day

Lots of fun was had both at school and at home for World Book Day. During our morning live catch ups, it was amazing to see all the effort that had gone into costumes - thank you! The children participated in a variety of activities, including writing to authors, creating reading dens and creating alternative endings to well-known books!

What a superb number of entrants for the Extreme Reading Challenge across the school! We had over one hundred entries and so selecting first, second and third place in each year group was no easy task! There were some super photos, including children reading through telescopes, on quad bikes, doing a series of gymnastics moves on beaches, in showers, up in trees, teleported into the world of Minecraft! Super effort - well done to all those who entered and to our winners:

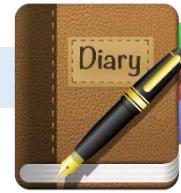
Year 3: Rares Mason Millie
Year 4: Ocean Melodi Florence
Year 5: Ellie Blake Rae
Year 6: Isaac Tommy Holly

Here are some Extreme Reading Challenge photos for you to enjoy!





Diary Dates



1 April	<u>End of Term 1300</u>
19 April	Start of the Summer term
20 & 21 April	Year 3 Parent Consultations by telephone 1540-1830
27 28 29 April	Year 4 Parent Consultations by telephone 1540-1830
3 May	Bank holiday – school closed
4 5 6 May	Year 5 Parent Consultations by telephone 1540-1830
11 12 13 May	Year 6 Parent Consultations by telephone 1540-1830
20 May	Class photos
31 May- 4 June	Half term
7 June	Return for Summer 2 Term
5 July	Year 6 PGL residential (tbc)
23 July	<u>Finish for the Summer holiday 1300</u>