

SCHOOL MATTERS

THE FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

Friday 12th January 2024

A Message From Mr Pope

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has seen some much welcomed sunshine and the children have relished the opportunities to be outside. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school for the Spring term and they have started as they left off at Christmas, with enthusiasm, excitement and application to their learning. Over the Christmas break, we have used all the donations and money donated at the Scooterthon to create a reading area and are well on the way to a more organised and effective use of the school's library book stock. Please see the website for reading lists and the curriculum overviews on the website on your child's class pages: <https://www.newton-poppleford.devon.sch.uk/web/curriculum/655193>

Over the coming days, you will see the curriculum pages of the website be updated with the documents and details of our individual subject areas that the teachers, subject leaders and leadership have been working on. All of these aspects are now part of the way we teach in the school and will give you insight into how we have focused and developed the curriculum. The themes that we cover are below and we have thought carefully about the sequencing to ensure the knowledge and skills progress and the children's learning builds over time. Our approach to reading and reading progression is also now complete and will also be available for everyone on the website. The office staff will be in touch to let you know when this is live.

Year group	CURRICULUM MAP YEAR GROUP					
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring one	Spring Two	Summer One	Summer Two
Reception	What's special	Let's celebrate	Ticket to ride	Come Outside	Amazing animals	Fun at the seaside
1	Weather and seasons	Why do we remember the 6 th November? Tar barrels	Am I History?	UK	Explorers and adventurers	Our local Area looking after where we live
2	Hot and Cold places	How did the Great Fire change London?	Zambia	How have toys changed over time?	Have people always been going to the seaside?	Continents and Oceans
3	Stone Age	Bronze Age and Iron Age	Mountains - link to Dartmoor study.	Fossils – Mary Anning (science driver)	Ancient Egypt	Africa and food and farming
4	The Roman Empire	The Romans in Devon	Greece	Ancient Greece	Volcanoes and earthquakes	Rivers and the Otter – protecting our waterways
5	How did the Anglo-Saxons change life in Britain?	Who were the Vikings and why did they invade Britain?	Climate Zones	Darwin/Evolution (science driver)	How was life different for children during Victorian times?	Rainforest and the Amazon
6	South America/Rio	Crime and punishment	WW2 + Blitz	How has Exeter changed since WW2?	Why is it important to learn about Lenin?	World trade/farming/Global citizenships

Our enrichment programme has started again and the year 3 pupils enjoyed a very informative and valuable trip to the mosque in Exeter. Our thanks go out to Ahmed the Iman of the mosque who made everyone feel welcome. This half term we have Safer Internet Day and will be looking at online safety in great detail. As part of this, we are arranging an NSPCC parent workshop later in the Spring term that can be attended remotely or in person. Last year, the school held a fun run in Spring one to engage the children in healthy exercise and to encourage physical activity for the whole community. We will be holding a similar event this year but want to consult our pupils and fun leaders. We have set a provisional date for Friday 9th February for this. Finally, we are taking part in the NSPCC number day this half term to raise awareness around the important cause of child safety. In the lead up, we are setting some problem solving challenges for each key stage. There will be prizes for the best entries so good luck!

Best Wishes,
Mr Pope

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For any Twilight after school club matters, please phone the main school number.

Important Information

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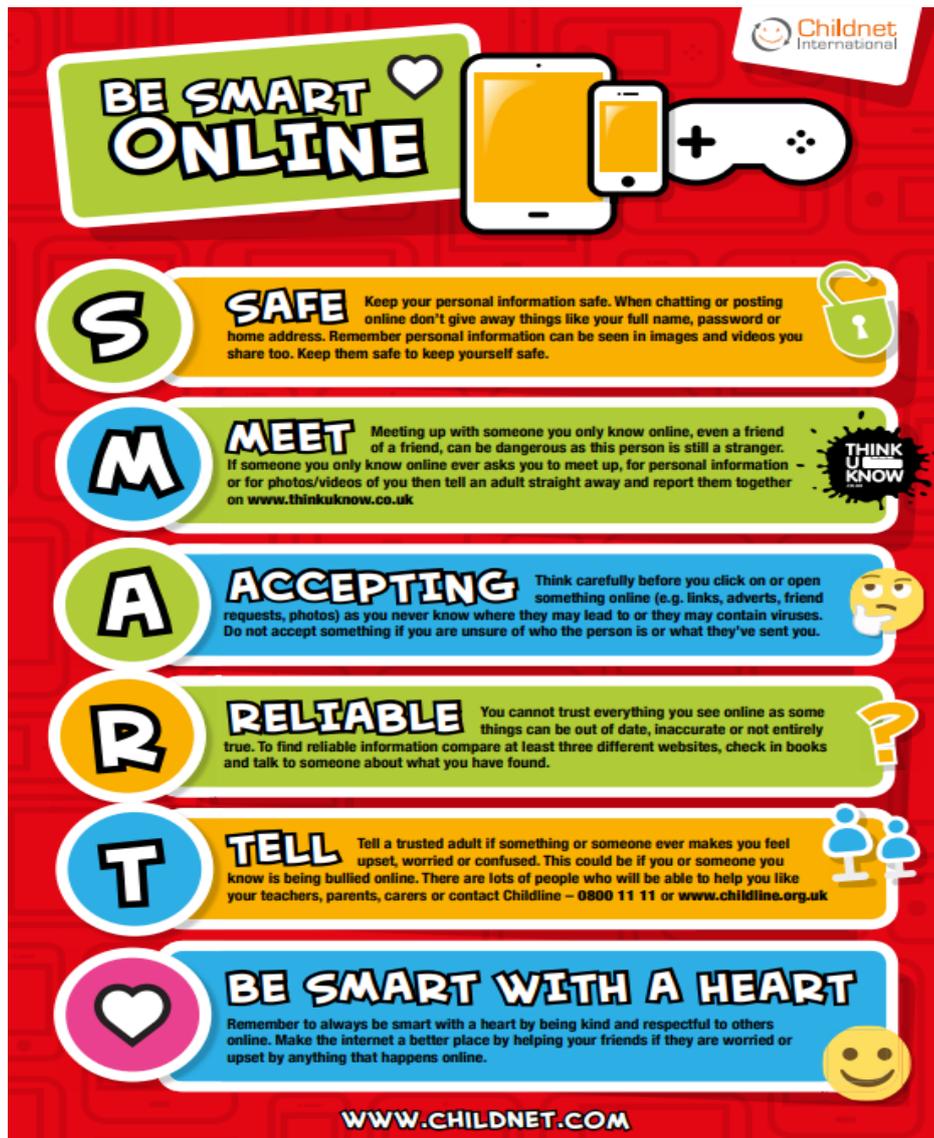
Pathological demand avoidance

Taken from the PDA society website

Autism and the PDA profile are dimensional – this means that approaches need to be tailored for each individual child, applied flexibly and reviewed regularly. There is no wrong or right way to do things, it's about learning as much as you can about PDA, finding out what works best for you and your child and building a framework of approaches.

Some information and tips to support approaches can be found below: <https://www.pdasociety.org.uk/>

Online Safety:



The infographic is titled 'BE SMART ONLINE' and features the Childnet International logo in the top right corner. It includes illustrations of a tablet, a smartphone, and a game controller. The main content is organized into six horizontal bars, each with a large letter icon on the left and a small icon on the right. The bars are: 1. 'S SAFE' with a padlock icon; 2. 'M MEET' with a 'THINK U KNOW' logo; 3. 'A ACCEPTING' with a thinking face icon; 4. 'R RELIABLE' with a question mark icon; 5. 'T TELL' with an icon of two people; 6. 'BE SMART WITH A HEART' with a smiley face icon. At the bottom, the website 'WWW.CHILDNET.COM' is listed.

BE SMART ONLINE

S SAFE Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.

M MEET Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on www.thinkuknow.co.uk

A ACCEPTING Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.

R RELIABLE You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.

T TELL Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline – 0800 11 11 or www.childline.org.uk

BE SMART WITH A HEART Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.

WWW.CHILDNET.COM

Attendance:

As a school our overall attendance has dropped since starting back after the Christmas holidays. We understand that there are a lot of winter bugs around. Please see below advice regarding the latest guidelines on winter illnesses from the Government:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-reminds-parents-of-back-to-school-advice>

Year 3 Trip To Exeter Mosque

On Monday morning, Year Three had an interesting and informative trip to Exeter Mosque. Our guide was Ahmed, who is the Iman of Exeter Mosque. He told us about the Qur'an, the Five Pillars of Islam, praying and even played us the Call to Prayer. We all learnt lots of interesting information about being a Muslim. Thank you to our volunteers for accompanying us.

Pupils Comments:

'I learnt that you needed to take your shoes and socks off and that they had a very special book.'

'It was really good because I learnt some things about Muslims that I did not know before!'



Year 5/6 Badminton

This Wednesday, we took some of our year 5s and 6s to participate in Badminton at Sidmouth College. Everyone had a great time and showed off their brilliant Badminton skills.



A Big Thank You From Newton Popleford Primary!

Thank you so much to everyone for all the books that have been donated to the school. We really appreciate it and it has enabled us to add many more rich and exciting titles to our collection. We have been able to add some new books to our first newly developed reading area for Key Stage one. We have also been able to add books to our class reading corners too!



A special thank you to those of you who donated to our Scooterthon—this has been used to buy some furnishings which will be arriving any day now. We have ordered a number of items for our Key Stage 2 area, which will arrive this half term and we will let everyone know once we are able to create our reading area for KS2!

Thanks again to everyone for helping our school!



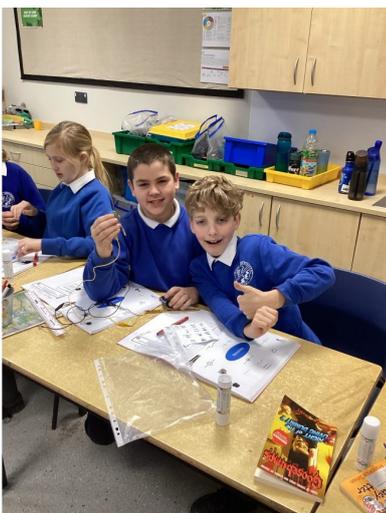
Adventure Island

We are starting the new year by exploring Outdoor Adventurous Activities, an area of PE that lends itself brilliantly to Adventure Island. As an introduction, children have tackled a range of problems that have required teamwork, communication and map reading skills. We will build upon these skills over the coming weeks and begin to orienteer around the school grounds in small teams! This week children have also enjoyed exploring ice during their adventure time; cracking, collecting and creating with it!



Year 6 Science

This half term in Year 6 we will be learning about electricity. This week we spent some time making simple circuits using crocodile clips, wires, lightbulbs, motors and batteries.



[Apply For A Primary School Place In Devon](#)

Was your child born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020? Then you should now apply for a school place for your child. The poster below explains how to apply. Ideally this is an online form, however paper form can be provided by the school. **The deadline for applications is Monday 15th January 2024** in order for the application to be considered as on time.

All the information relating to admissions can be found at: https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/en but please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you require any help, or phone the DCC Admissions Team on 0345 155 1019.

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How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon

You can apply online at
www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline
from 15th November 2023 to the 15th January 2024

If you cannot access the school admissions website you can get more information by calling our Education Helpline on

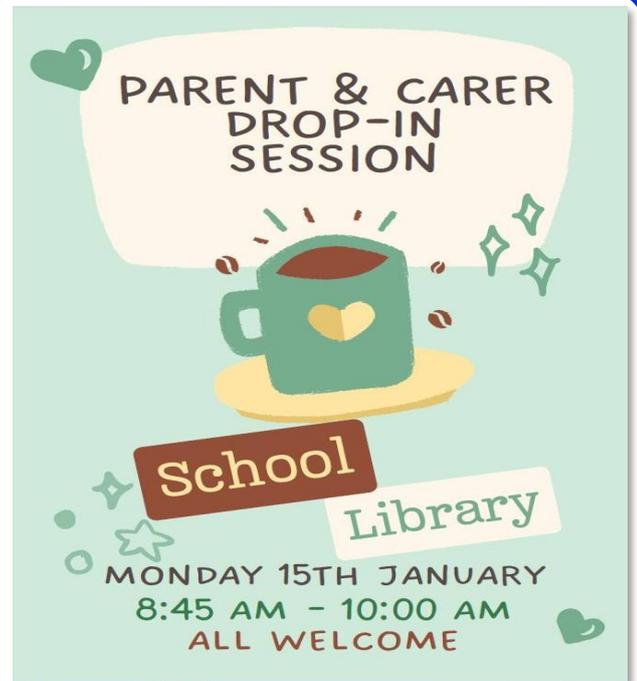
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or email: admissions@devon.gov.uk



Even if you have already given details to a primary school, you must apply for a place through the Admissions Team. This is the only way to apply; other forms or lists held by schools will not count.

Parent Drop-In Session

Parent Drop-In Session, Monday 15th January 08:45am-10:00am. All welcome!



Dates for Your Diary Until February Half Term

Monday 15th January:	Deadline For Primary School Place Applications Parent Drop-In Session
Thursday 18th January:	Year 4 PTFA Cake Sale Year 5 Workshop Sidmouth College School Spring Census
Friday 19th January:	Year 6 National Archives Session
Wednesday 24th January:	Year 5/6 Trampoline (selected pupils)
Tuesday 30th January:	Sporty Stars Glow In The Dark Dodgeball KS1 17:15pm & KS2 18:15pm.
Friday 2nd February:	Year 2 Great Fire Of London Online Session
Monday 5th February:	Chinese New Year
Tuesday 6th February:	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7th February:	Year 5 Science Workshop Sidmouth College
Thursday 8th February:	National Child Measurement Programme
Friday 9th February:	Break up for half term
Monday 19th February:	First Day Back For All Staff & Pupils