

# YELLOW CLASS NEWS



## Spring Term 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year to you all!

This academic year seems to be flying by so fast. I always call the spring term the rocket term because the children make such great progress and seem to zoom off with their learning. They are already off to a whizzy start being very keen to learn about explorers and excited about building our very own International Space Station in the role play corner.

### Keeping active and healthy

PE is every Monday and Wednesday, please make sure your child has the correct kit in school each week and that it is clearly labelled. We will also have it on another day but this will fluctuate as it depends on hall availability.

Can you make sure children have their water bottles in school everyday?

### Curriculum

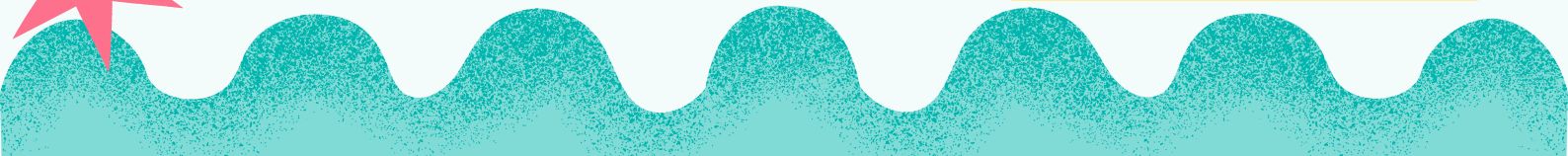
In maths, we shall continue with adding and subtracting for Y2 followed by multiplication. The Year 1's will be learning about the teen numbers and begin to understand place value. We will be studying a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts in English and will be working hard on improving our sentences. Y1 focusing on simple punctuation and Y2 beginning to write more complex sentences. We are starting with a non-fiction book on weather which will link to our geography learning about the UK.

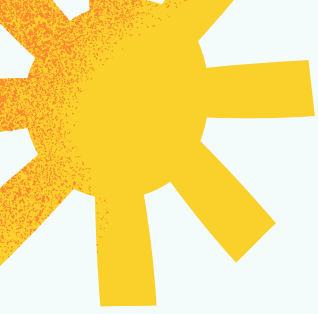
Our Explorers Topic helps the children learn about different explorers with a focus on Drake who was born in Tavistock. Materials in Science is a great subject for us to learn about investigations and explore the properties of different subjects.

Please take a look at the class topic web on the school website to find out more.

### Important dates:

We shall have visit 'The Golden Hind' ship in Brixham Harbour as part of our Explorer topic. I will let you know the date near the time. It is a fabulous opportunity to run around the replica of Drake's ship and bring the history to life.





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## Home Learning

### Reading:

Our expectation is for the children to read at home every day. Reading for pleasure will help develop your child's vocabulary, communication, concentration, empathy and imagination. Children should be reading at home for at least 15 minutes every day. Within school, children will read in group Little Wandle sessions three times a week. For those children no longer reading Little Wandle they will be taking school reading scheme books home as well as a weekly reading group focusing on the comprehension of reading.

If your child is reading the Turquoise school books please make sure that they have them in school everyday as they will need them.

## Growing Independence

A very important part of key Stage 1 is building the children's independence. They made a great start to this last term and are all coming into school confidently and are keen to start their learning. Even if they seem wobbly, they are all fine once in the classroom with their friends. We are now working on being independent with our learning. We talk about this in two different ways. The first way is the phrase '3 before me' which encourages them to think about other ways to solve problems before they ask an adult. This might be a great one to try at home. It can be a handy catch phrase which reminds the children they are capable of solving problems themselves.

## Communication

Communication between home and school is essential for the wellbeing and to support your child's learning. Please use Class Dojo to send any messages. If you have an urgent request, then please telephone the school office. I am more than happy to telephone you to discuss any concerns or queries you may have in more detail. You can always pop in after school too.

I hope the children are looking forward to what is going to be a busy and exciting term ahead. Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Marshall

