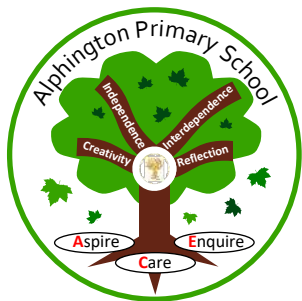




Alphington Primary School

# Newsletter

21/07/2022



## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a fantastic year we have had here at Alphington. The year started with the challenges of Covid still playing a huge part in everything we were doing, but we have enjoyed being able to hold and take part in whole school events again, trips, residential, visitors and sports events. With this in mind, we thought it would be a good way to end the year with a celebration of all that the children have achieved.

In the meantime, I would like to thank you all for your support and wish you a lovely summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 7th September.

Best wishes,

Sharon

## Uniform:

Please follow the link to our website for the current uniform list for children for September, as it is important that children are in school uniform for all of the week. We are also asking that, as space is so limited, children only bring a very small bag if absolutely needed rather than a rucksack.

<https://www.alphington.devon.sch.uk/uniform/>

## Holiday events:

Please could I bring to your attention the Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF) which is running over the summer holidays and will be open to all Ukrainian families. All Ukrainian families are eligible to take up a place on a HAF scheme across Devon, please go to the link to identify a scheme and make contact with the provider direct to book a place, these places are fully funded and there is no cost to parents. A scheme runs for 4 hours per day including a hot meal this can be for up to 16 days across the Summer Holidays.

**HAF providers – Summer 2022 –**  
**Education and Families ([devon.gov.uk](https://www.devon.gov.uk))**



## Bringing our learning to life!

It has been a real joy to welcome visitors back into the school, both sharing the children's learning with their families and inviting experts into school. The children also enjoyed a vast range of trips this year and have ventured to new places to take on the challenge of learning about their class themes first hand.

### Science

Foundation had a fantastic time at the National Marine Aquarium in Plymouth where they went on an interactive tour of the aquarium and took part in an exciting science workshop! Year 1 and 5 were visited by the space dome, a virtual planetarium that took them into space and beyond, as well as providing the opportunity to take part in interactive science workshops. Foundation was also visited by some amazing animals as part of their theme 'What's inside the egg?'. They were real risk-taking Rosie's and held mice, stick insects, geckos and even a python!



### History

Year 5 had a brilliant day learning about and experiencing, a WW2 evacuation. The day began by evacuating to Alphington Community Centre where they were met by a WW2 storyteller to tell them all about life on the home front, bombings, gas masks and much more. During break and lunch time, the children played WW2 games including pick up sticks, skipping, drawing with chalk and boules. They also held a VE day, inviting families into school to celebrate traditional festivities, sharing a cream tea, playing traditional games and performing dances.

Year 4 enjoyed an exciting immersion day to start their topic about Ancient Greece where they learnt about water displacement theory, Greek artefacts, theatre masks and even had a visit from Devon Wildlife Trust!

Year 3 entered the world of the Romans, where they made Roman leaf laurels (crowns), had a Roman banquet, marched like Roman soldiers, and made Roman mosaics (out of sugar paper.)



## Residentials

Year 5 went on an exciting residential to Escot and showed fantastic determination to cross the swamp and amazing fire-lighting and den building skills in the woods. Year 6 visited Great Potheridge House for a week packed with; climbing, gorge scrambling, abseiling, team building activities and much more.



## Art and Design

Newts and Starlings had a busy evening during their sleepover cooking s'mores, dancing to the disco, creating an outdoor art attack, holding a drumming circle and finishing off with toasting marshmallows to a sing-a-long! Year 5 became product designers and planned and created their own biscuit packaging, and they became fashion designers and planned and created their own outfits. The children then had a visit from a football kit designer who explained how his job worked and Year 5 had a go at designing their own football kits.



## Storytelling

Preschool and Foundation were visited by storyteller 'Clive Pig' who invited the children into a world of imagination and fun through his captivating retelling of some familiar and new stories from around the world.



## Geography

Year 3 created their own model volcanoes as part of an immersion day where they took part in.



## Religious Education

Year 2 really enjoyed their visit to Az Zahra to learn about why the Mosque is important to Muslims.

## It has been a busy sporting term at Alphington.

Both Key Stage one and Key Stage two took part in their Sports days at Exeter Arena. Pupils demonstrated amazing resilience and collaboration taking part in a range of athletics events including running, long jump, javelin, egg and spoon race and high jump. We were very proud of how amazing our Alphington pupils were throughout the day!

We also celebrated National Sports week with pupils across the school enjoying activities such as dodgeball, archery, football zorbing, cricket, yoga, zumba, and a variety of invasion game working alongside Sporty Stars.

Preschool also enjoyed their sports day last week on the school field and showed their amazing Alphington learning characteristics being risk taking Rosies and resilient Rons!

Eight children from year 4 were chosen to represent Portugal at the Exeter City Community Trust World Cup event. Despite not having played together as a team before, the children showed real determination and passion for the game. They encouraged each other from start to finish and grew as a team as the day went on, receiving many compliments from the other teams. Portugal made it through the group stage all the way to the final, just missing out on the win to Spain (2-1). We really couldn't be prouder of them.

A group of Year 5 and 6 pupils went to the Exeter Learning Trust Community day at Haven banks. They took part in team building activities and bell boating down the Quay.

Last week, Year 6 participated in an athletic sports festival at West Exe alongside other primary schools. They took part in a range of activities including sprint, javelin, long distance run and the long jump, which were led by the Year 8 sports leaders. We were incredibly impressed with all of the children's participation in the 600m run (particularly in the heat!). Every single child gave it a go and were cheered on by their peers! It was a great morning enjoyed by all. We are currently awaiting the results to see where we placed in the festival! Watch this space!



## Art Celebration

The children at Alphington have enjoyed a wonderful year of art. They have learnt about famous artists, looked at an artist's work, and then created their own masterpieces using a variety of techniques including pen and watercolour, pencil sketching, collage, print making and sculpture. The children have produced some absolutely amazing artwork which has exceeded any expectation! We now have a gallery wall in the school hall where we can exhibit children's work – it is regularly updated as new incredible artwork is created. The children have loved seeing their framed artwork on the wall and importantly, have really enjoyed looking at each other's creations too. Well done everyone, you have all been amazing artists this year!



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



Year 6



Year 5

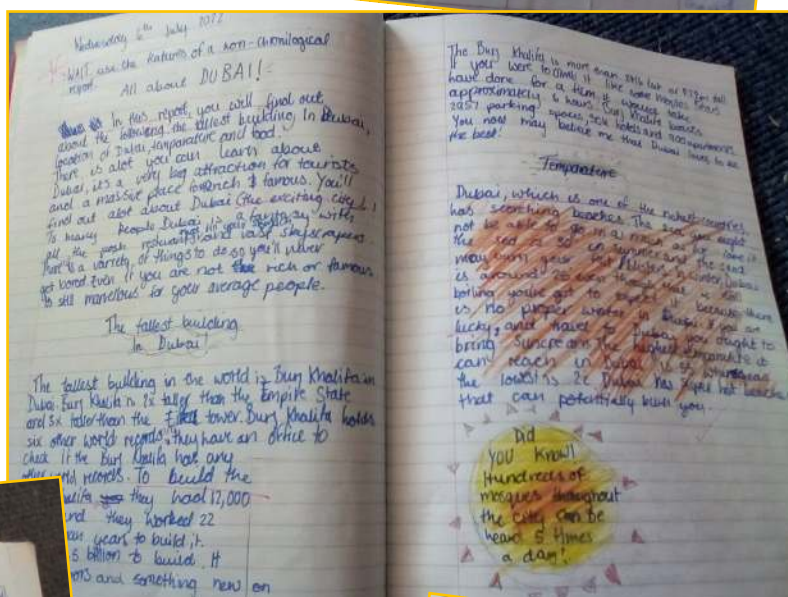
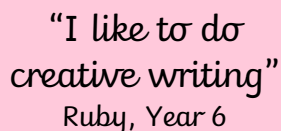


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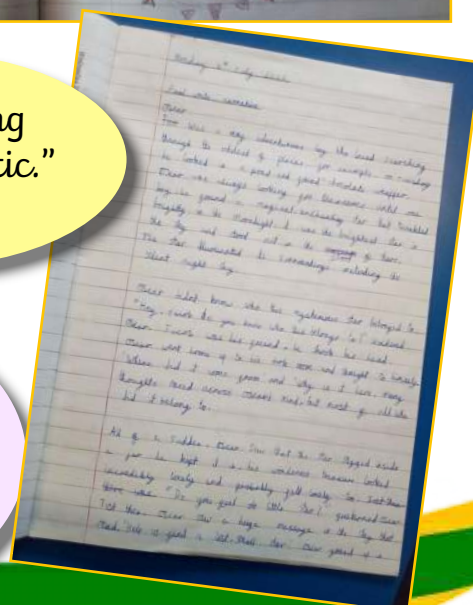
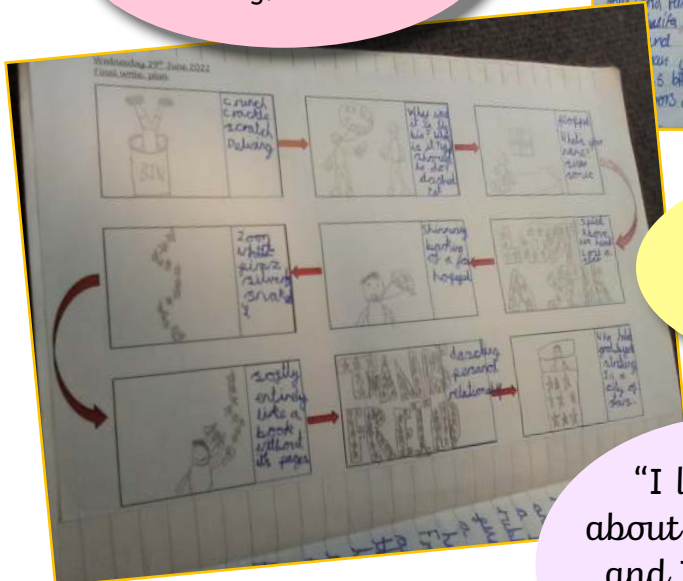


# Writing

"I like to do lots  
of writing about  
flowers"  
Erin, Reception



"I like writing  
about school things  
and I like writing  
songs."  
Edith, Year 1



A party of charlatons  
They for the first time  
A charlatan - a jungle of vines. Jewel.

"And please!" exclaimed Isaac.  
"We must go!" they said and together  
The four happy people and the two dogs. Except the monkey  
They stepped on their motorcycle Jewel, guided her back and  
and they were on their way.

One day there were in the rainforest, they studied looking  
around. All of a sudden, they heard a noise. A loud  
noise. A loud, peeping noise. The ground started  
to shake underneath them. There the motorcycle  
creaked to the floor under with a third thrust!

Jewel looked up the saw Isaac on the floor & she  
then dropped her head. It was dusty and  
gray. Jewel's mother, Jewel, shook her sister as hard  
as she could. Isaac immediately gained conscious and  
up. "C'mon, let's go! Bring it's now or never!"  
and Jewel Isaac sister smiled. "We can do this,"  
she said, joining in. Grabbing Jewel's hand, Isaac  
pulled herself up. They then checked Jewel's torso  
backpack. It had today's food and water on it. They  
grabbed the bottles and got to work.

\*Pretty  
\*\*and of course - food & water!

Fatherly  
Knowing the sisters were worried & for their good  
quiet-thinking mothers. In no time at all, their  
motorcycle was joined. They jumped on, and  
rode to the deeper & part of the jungle.

After a long day's  
They opened the backpack, turning the food  
the motorcycle and stepping on to the back of  
Inside there were sleeping bags and a big tent  
also grabbed a blanket, blanket and layed it  
out flat. They both sat down and began  
to eat. Halting through the trees  
Isaac noticed a snake. A snake and  
charlatons! Jewel was staring at it. It  
shyly it came out and looked over  
at some food. Isaac grabbed the  
food (peaches) and gave them to the  
charlatons.

There the charlatons jumped into her  
arms.  
"Do you want us for time you want  
home?" laughed Isaac.  
"Let's do it!" said Jewel.

They got back to the house and set  
up the charlatons's new home. They  
called her Lily and have loved her  
ever since.

Frankie was not your normal boy. No, Frankie liked searching for special treasure in the largest of places. One bright morning, Frankie crept out of the house and headed out to the beach. Frankie found a tin and started delving into the pile of rubbish. Crunch, crackle, scratch, he dug harder and further into the bin and found a shimmering star. Who's vs it? What should he do? Why was it in the bin? Confused, Frankie strode towards the seagulls to ask if it was theirs but it wasn't. He rushed over to a crab but it wasn't his. He then jogged over to a little boy but no one claimed the beautiful star. After a couple few hours, Fran-

After a few hours, Frankie took the star home. As he was getting ready for bed, he slipped on his bed and stared out of his window and wondered what to do. He giant room had a terrible grown and the stars were dropped, but then, Frankie saw his star was sad. "Are you okay star?" asked Frankie. Frankie noticed this wasn't a star this

2nd. Vols. The member

The member is smart.  
Dignified and grown.  
He never sneers.  
None to be seen.

The member is polite.  
Solving problems patiently.  
But ~~member's~~ <sup>member's</sup> voice is in.  
And shed their gun like bearing.

The member is a singer.  
She takes all the choruses.  
That you have been listening for.  
Including doorman songs.

The member is a <sup>fantasy</sup> poet.  
She sings and weeps.  
Ready to leave.  
The brilliant news.

The member is a singer.  
Praying away.  
And she's not afraid.  
The same have another day.

The member is a star.  
Unfaded and pretty.  
And people love playing in her.  
Including a witty.

★ I am pleased  
with my next handwriting.

★ I am pleased with my  
magnifying.

★ I ~~think~~ <sup>think</sup> I could  
have used more words  
vocabulary.

[illegible]