



Summer Term 2021: Newsletter 4
Friday 11th June 2021

MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL

Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed the gorgeous weather over the half term, it is lovely to see the children back in school re-energised and ready for the final half term of the school year. Now that the summer has officially arrived please could we ask you to provide sun cream and a sun hat for your child as well as a named water bottle so we are fully prepared should the sun shine.

EYFS

During the last week of half term, children in the EYFS all enjoyed celebrating what they had learnt during their theme 'Are We Nearly There Yet?'. The children were invited to bring their own vehicles in for 'Wheelie Day'. As they wheeled around on their vehicles, the children discussed how they moved and what they needed to do



to make them move. This week the children have started to explore their new ILP 'Who Lives in a Rockpool?' The key text is "Come Away From the Water, Shirley" by John Burningham. The children are looking forward to investigating this further over this half term.

YEAR 1

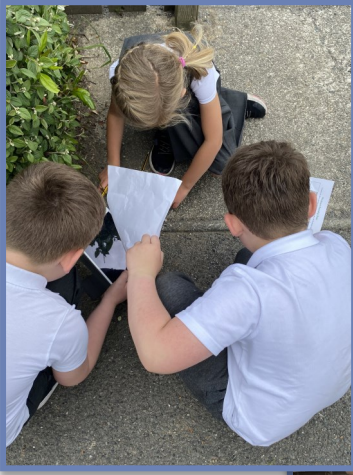
Year 1 made a shocking discovery this week! During their playtime, some animals had rampaged through their classrooms and had left several piles of poo in their paths! They have been focusing on animal classification as part of their science learning this half term. The children have learnt how to classify animals according to where they live, their features, appearance and diet.

This led them to carry out a scientific investigation to find out where the poo came from. They explored different samples to investigate what

each animal eats, to help us identify who the poo belonged to. The children were both excited and disgusted at the idea at first but thoroughly enjoyed using tools and making observations to find out which animals had been let loose in the classrooms. (Don't worry, it wasn't real poo!)



YEAR 2



Year 2 have had a very exciting start to our topic 'Wriggle and Crawl'. On Monday they spent the afternoon hunting minibeasts around the school grounds. The children found lots of specimens, took photographs and



even managed to catch a few for a closer look. When they got back to the classroom the children looked at an aerial map and had a go at plotting where they had discovered each hidden creature.

YEAR 3

Year 3 have been learning how people in the late Stone Age and Bronze Age started to grow crops from seeds. The children have learnt about the life cycle of a dandelion, planted their own seeds, and are looking forward to measuring how they grow and develop over Summer Term 2.



YEAR 4

To begin the children's journey through 'Misty Mountain Sierra', they studied some photographs of mountains and discussed some common features. The children then began the process of creating their own mountains. There were a range of creative ideas and the children knew which features they were aiming to include on their model. The mountains are not completely finished and we are hoping to dedicate some time to finishing touches before the end of the topic .



YEAR 5



Year 5 have been busy getting their hands dirty and their fingers green for their new project, Allotment. The children have planted strawberries, rocket, salad leaves, tomatoes, herbs, sunflowers and marigolds. The area outside the classrooms is looking like a garden already! The children hope to use their vegetables to cook with in the next few weeks. They have been discussing compost and how matter biodegrades and have set up an experiment to see how long a ham sandwich will take to rot!



YEAR 6

As a prequel to our Hola Mexico topic, Year 6 have started this half term with a quick visit to Ancient Egypt as a part of their recovery curriculum. As their engage session, they have



mummified some apples and are eagerly waiting to see what affect the 'nitron' has. They are learning about the characteristics of this ancient civilisation and will be comparing these with the characteristics of the Mayans.



ARB

The children in the ARB have had a creative start to their topic. They have made salt dough woodland creatures, handprint hedgehogs, local leaf prints and huddled together in a den. The Gruffalo and his friends are helping them with their story in one room, whilst the other children were very excited to receive a letter from Hansel and Gretel.



2021/22 Term Dates

The Spring Bank Holiday in 2022 will be moved to Thursday 2nd June and an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3rd June will see a four-day weekend to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

As we will be on our half term break in the week commencing 31st May, the number of days pupils need to be in school has been reduced nationally from 195 days to 194 days for 2021-22.



Therefore, our children will now return a day later than originally planned on Thursday 2nd September.

This change is now on our website along with full details of our 2021/2022 term dates.

Diary Dates

June

11th June—12th July Mini Football competition Year 5 & 6.

14th—18th History week

15th Chartwells Healthy Eating EYFS

16th Chartwells Healthy Eating Year 1

17th Chartwells Healthy Eating Year 2

21st Porthpean Activity Day, 6HB

22nd Porthpean Activity Day, 6TW

25th Brannel Y6 Transition Day

July

8th & 9th Penrice & Poltair Y6 Transition days

19th—23rd Year 6 Swimming Lessons

23rd Last day of summer term,
1:30pm finish.

Notices

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