

Shiver Me Timbers!

Year 2 started their new topic, Land Ahoy, with a pirate themed engage day. They received a mysterious letter from Captain Blackbeard who needed their help to guard his treasure! Year 2 headed out into the playground and used fantastic map skills to navigate their way to the hidden treasure. Well done! As they move further into their topic, year 2 will be looking at sea exploration and learning who Christopher Columbus and Captain James Cook were. In their English lessons, they will be listening to the story of Robinson Crusoe and will then be writing their own diary entries in the guise of Robinson Crusoe. What swashbuckling learning opportunities year 2 will be enjoying this half term!



We will remember them

On Wednesday we celebrated the service and bravery of our armed forces, past and present. Each class held their own assembly where they learnt the origins of Remembrance Day and discussed the importance of peaceful conflict resolution. Each class read the well known poem 'In Flanders Fields', by John McCrae, which helped the children to learn how poppies became the symbol of Remembrance. EYFS crafted their own beautiful poppies. We invited our children who are part of uniformed organisations, such as the Cubs and Brownies, to wear their uniforms to school—it was great to see so many children representing these important groups in school for the day. We also sold Poppy Appeal merchandise in each classroom and we look forward to sharing how much Mount Charles raised when the British Legion has counted our donation.



Our EYFS children have been exploring harvest produce as part of an introduction to their Autumn ILP 'Why Do Squirrels Hide Their Nuts?'. They began by naming as many of the fruits and vegetables they could see, then explored the harvest by looking, touching and smelling each food. Then they talked about their own experiences of tasting some of the fruits and vegetables and whether they preferred them cooked or raw!



Year 3 have begun their new topic 'Gods and Mortals'. They will be learning all about Ancient Greece, including battles, soldiers and what home life would have been like. The children have made their own Greek Gods and Goddesses out of clay - what excellent creative skills they have!



It's
beginning to
look a lot like
Christmas

PTA Update

Our PTA work incredibly hard to raise funds to support our school. Last summer the PTA donated £4,900 enabling us to purchase new 'Surface Go' devices. These have been distributed throughout Key Stage 2 which has enabled children in Key Stage 1 to have more of our school iPads. The PTA funding has also been used to reduce the cost of school trips, curriculum enrichment as well as funding new reading books. We really appreciate everything that the PTA do to support our school.

This year there will understandably be less opportunities for the PTA to raise vital funds. However, this term the PTA are jointly working with CedarCroft to ensure that we have a fantastic Christmas Tree for everyone to enjoy. They are also organising for each child to make a Christmas Craft for their parents.

Parents can support us by donating £1 towards a Christmas Decoration that they will put on our tree on Tuesday 1st December. Parents can also support us by donating £2 towards your child's Christmas Craft that will be sent home in the last week of term. Donations can be paid via ParentPay.

We really appreciate your ongoing support.

If you are interested in joining our PTA team, please email pta@mount-charlessch.org

Christmas cards.

Unfortunately we are not able to allow our children to exchange Christmas cards in school this year.

Christmas diary dates:

- 11th Dec** Save the Children—Christmas Jumper Day. Our children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform, for a suggested donation of £1. Please pay your child's donation directly to [Save the Children](http://www.savethechildren.org.uk).
- 16th Dec** School Christmas Dinner Day, KS1
- 17th Dec** School Christmas Dinner Day, KS2
- 18th Dec** Last day of term, 1:30pm finish





Children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 can join our school in September 2021.

Apply for a place online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admission. If you need help with your application, please do not hesitate to contact us. For more information on joining our Reception classes next year, please see the 'Starting School—Sept 2021' tab on our website, www.mount-charlessch.org.



During our half term holiday 'Get Online Week' was launched. In 2010, and for every year since, the campaign has become a week-long, annual celebration giving everyone the chance to find the help they need to improve their digital skills. This year has shown us just how much of a difference the internet can make to our lives. 'Get Online Week' has been designed to help everyone find free and friendly support, to make the most of the internet. The benefits of being online during lockdown were huge for some people. Video calls helped us to safely see our loved ones. Digital tools meant that millions of people worked from home and for those people for whom even a trip to the supermarket was a significant risk to their health, internet shopping was a lifeline. Unfortunately, that wasn't the case for everyone. Nine million people in the UK can't use the internet or their device without help, and 4.7 million people don't have any digital skills at all. 'Get Online Week' is now more important than ever. At Mount Charles School we will be sharing some key information from the 'Get Online Week' campaign with you in our newsletters this term. We will signpost you to information and resources that may help both nationally and locally. Keep an eye out for new information and please do let us know if we can support you further with anything. <https://uk.getonlineweek.com/>



If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of
smell or taste

This could be a sign of
coronavirus

Book a test

If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or
feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste

These are
not normally symptoms of
coronavirus

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP



Cornwall Council's Highways Team have made us aware of a planned road closure affecting Mount Charles Road. The road will be closed from Tuesday 17th—Friday 20th November. This closure may cause other routes near the school to become busier, so please do allow extra travelling time for your journey to school on those dates.



How can I find out more about what my child is learning in school?

Lots of information is shared by your child's class teacher on their [eSchools](#) class page including a topic overview detailing the learning in each curriculum area. This is also available via the school website under the curriculum tab:



The **topic overview** is a great way to find out about what your child's learning will be in each subject throughout the half term. Please note, not all subjects are taught every half term. **Home learning** ideas are shared each half term via eSchools. Encourage your child to complete a home learning activity from this list of ideas and share their work with class in school. We are keen to share pictures of work and celebrate both effort and attainment in our newsletter and on social media. The **knowledge organiser** outlines the key knowledge that will be taught throughout the half termly topic. Use this to support discussion at home about learning in school and have some fun family quizzes!

Topic overview

English

'George Saves the World by Lunchtime' will be our focus story, and support our narrative writing. The children will become real-life superheroes and create information leaflets about how to look after our planet by following the four R's: reduce, reuse, recycle and recover. We will explore a range of different poems and learn some of by heart. We will also be learning to write descriptive sentences about superhero characters.

RE

The focus for this half term is Christianity, and the celebration of Harvest. We will also be making our own Christmas cards and will be attending a traditional church service to celebrate the occasion. To celebrate Christmas, the children will be learning about the Nativity story, as well as sharing their reasons to be thankful.

PE

We will be focusing on throwing, catching and aiming. We will also be developing our partner work.

PSHE- Jigsaw scheme
'Celebrating Differences'

Exploring similarities and differences between ourselves and others and celebrating diversity. This half term is Anti-Bullying week, so we will discuss this topic and how to be a kind friend.

Maths

Our focus will be Addition and Subtraction. The children will explore different strategies to help them solve number problems and will be learning to record number equations.

Phonics

Phonics will be taught daily through Read Write Inc.

Year 1 Autumn 2 Superheroes

History

Florence Nightingale is a real-life superhero, who helped save lives. Her work has had a major influence of the nursing profession. We will be exploring her life and work to find out why she is a significant individual. We will also explore the work of Louis Braille, whose work has had a significant impact on the lives of people who are blind.

Geography

We will be practising our map skills, learning to use compass directions and directional language.

Science

An exploration of different materials and their properties, will allow the children to learn about the importance of recycling. We will be using our 5 senses to explore a variety of foods and objects, which will support our understanding of superfoods and the importance of a healthy diet. Whilst learning about the work of Louis Braille, we will be learning to work scientifically and carry out an investigation to find out 'Why we have two eyes?'

Art/ Design Technology

In Art, we will be exploring the work of Andy Warhol to inspire our own superhero Pop Art. We will develop our drawing skills, to create line drawings of superhero characters. In DT, we will be planning, making and evaluating our own superfood fruit salad. We will also be designing and making our own superhero capes and masks.

Music

Children will be learning traditional Christmas carols, as well as our Nativity songs. Using instruments to create different sounds, beats and rhythms will be great fun!

ICT

E-safety will remain a key focus as we explore the internet to find out information about different superhero characters. We will also be finding out information about real-life superheroes online and learning to use algorithms.

Home learning

What will you choose to do?

- Work with grown ups at home to research more amazing facts about the age of the dinosaurs.
- Visit a tropical animal centre or shop to have a closer look at some modern day reptiles. Take some photographs to show your class.
- Take Dina the dinosaur home for a night and write in his diary about what he got up to!
- Find non-fiction books at home (or in the local library) about dinosaurs. Bring them to school to share.
- Hunt for ferns, yew trees, monkey puzzle trees and other prehistoric plants while you're out and about. You might even find ornamental ferns in the houses of your family and friends.
- Create a dinosaur mask or hat and bring it to school for a dinosaur parade!
- Watch the birds in your garden or local park. Look at them closely with binoculars. Do you think they walk like dinosaurs?
- Work with an adult to produce a dinosaur movie or show using toys, puppets or models. Evergreen bushes and a rocky or dusty area of your garden or local park would make perfect film sets!
- Share stories and poems about dinosaurs with your grown ups. Take on the role of storyteller for any younger members of your family.
- Entertain your family and friends by reading them some side-splitting dinosaur jokes or astounding dinosaur facts.
- Take part in a dinosaur reading challenge. Every time you read a book at home, you'll earn a piece of a cut-up dinosaur picture. Stick them within a dinosaur outline and see how long it takes you to make the whole picture!

Knowledge organiser

Dinosaur Planet

Living things

Animals are living things. Living things need food, water, air and shelter to survive.

Dinosaurs

Dinosaurs were once living things. They lived on Earth over 200 million years ago before becoming extinct.

Reptiles

Dinosaurs were reptiles. Reptiles lay eggs and are cold blooded as they need to sit in the sun to get warm. Other reptiles include snakes, lizards, crocodiles, turtles and tortoises.

Dinosaur sizes

Dinosaurs were all different shapes and sizes. Some were tiny, such as the Compsognathus, and others were huge, such as the Diplodocus, and others were herbivores. They had flat teeth to grind and chew plants.

Name	Length	Height
Compsognathus	1m	20cm
Velociraptor	2m	50cm
Stegosaurus	10m	2m
Tyrannosaurus	10m	2m
Allosaurus	11m	2m
Spinosaurus	12m	4m
Apelomelosaurus	21m	3m
Diplodocus	26m	3m

Dinosaur teeth

Dinosaurs like the Tyrannosaurus were carnivores. They had sharp, pointed teeth to cut and tear meat. Dinosaurs like the Diplodocus were herbivores. They had flat teeth to grind and chew plants.

Fossils

Fossils are found in rock. They are the remains or traces of plants and animals that lived millions of years ago. Palaeontologists are people who study fossils. Fossils can tell us about animals and plants that lived millions of years ago.

Animal groups

Animals can be sorted into six different groups. These are mammals, amphibians, birds, fish, reptiles and invertebrates.

Mary Anning

Mary Anning was a British palaeontologist, who was born in 1799. She made many important fossil discoveries.

Important discoveries

In 1811, Mary found the fossilised skeleton of a dinosaur named an Ichthyosaurus and in 1823 she found a fossilised Plesiosaurus skeleton. Many of Mary's fossils are now on display in the Natural History Museum in London.

Extinction

Living things become extinct when there are no more of them alive. Dinosaurs became extinct around 65 million years ago. Other animals, like the dodo and the Western black rhino, are now extinct.

Glossary

carnivore An animal that eats other animals.

dinosaur Reptiles that lived a long time ago.

fossil The remains or traces of a once living plant or animal that are preserved as rock.

herbivore An animal that eats plants.

invertebrate Animals, such as insects, without a backbone or bony skeleton.

omnivore An animal that eats both plants and animals.

palaeontologist A person who studies fossils.



ARB— Mariette, Tilly.

Yr1— Lila, Amyrah,

Yr2—Alfie

Yr3— Taylor, Tyler, Edward, James, Charlie

Yr4— Brad, Aexander, Jaiden-Lee, William,

Yr5— Rosie, Henry

Yr6— Joshua, Kristina, Caitlin, Oliver

Success

Term Dates 2020/21

Last Day of Autumn Term

18th December, 1:30pm finish

First Day of Spring Term

4th January, 2021

INSET DAYS

12th February 2021

Spring Half Term

15th—19th February, 2021

Our attendance trophy was won by:

2LH last week with 99.3%

7JC & 1SC this week with 100%



Attendance!

Diary

Dates

Nov

19th Yr3 Violins
Yr5 African Drumming

26th Yr3 Violins
Yr5 African Drumming

27th Flu consent deadline

Dec

1st Flu immunisations
11th Save the Children—Christmas Jumper Day

16th Christmas Dinner Day, KS1

17th Christmas Dinner Day, KS2

18th Last day of term , 1:30pm finish

Jan

4th First day of Spring Term

Feb

12th INSET DAY—School closed to children
5th—19th Spring half term break



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