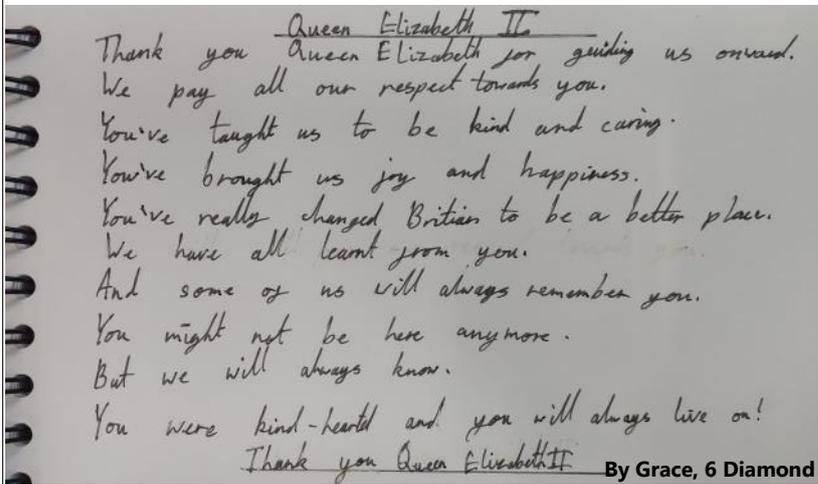


# Newsletter

Autumn Term 23rd September 22



Our value for September is Friendship



By Grace, 6 Diamond

## Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Imagine a FANTASTIC school. The school of your dreams. What would it look like? What would children do? How would they work and play? This is a conversation that we have regularly in school where we strive to make our school the very best place for children to learn and grow. These conversations led, some years ago now, to the creation of our 'Argyle Adventure' - our promise to the children at Argyle that we would do everything in our power to give them a rich and inspiring educational experience - where not only are standards high but learning is motivating and fun. Do take a look at the adventure which is on the back page of our newsletter and talk to your child about what they have already enjoyed. In this newsletter and in future editions you will see aspects of the adventure brought to life week by week.

Have a good weekend.

**Jemima Wade, Headteacher**

## Maths at Argyle - How you can see and support progress

This year we will be working hard to focus on improving our arithmetic skills as we know that pupils with good number sense are able to access and solve more challenging reasoning problems. In order to help our pupils develop swift arithmetic recall we will be completing a daily arithmetic workout. Pupils will have up to 15 questions (fewer for younger pupils) to answer and will then be taught strategies to help them improve. Once a week pupils will complete a low-stakes quiz and we will send the quizzes home in homework books so that parents can work with their children to help them improve. Our main goal is to see an improvement in the scores so that pupils can see that they are making progress with their learning.



## Home Learning at Argyle makes a difference

Our home learning policy has been developed to keep pupils learning and engaged when at home as home learning plays an important part in supporting a child's school education. When the home learning policy is followed by a pupil and is reinforced by parents, pupils can expect to make great progress at school.



Home learning will be required of all pupils from Reception to Year 6. Home learning will be sent home every Thursday and should be returned on Tuesday unless otherwise stated.

The Home Learning Policy will be shared with you in detail on ParentHub and in Welcome meetings. Please ensure your child is supported to complete their home learning.

# Year 3 begin Garden Classroom lessons

On Wednesday and Thursday this week, Year 3 had their first experience of the Garden Classroom. Each week they will go out and discover more about what lives and grows in our school garden. They will tend to the plants and make it a wonderful place to visit. They will also have opportunities to cook outside and enjoy outdoor crafts.

This week they started by making 3 stranded bracelets to remind them of a promise:

**Red:** to take care of themselves

**Yellow:** to look after each other

**Green:** to take care of nature and their environment



They then used tools to bore out the centre of a small piece of wood from the elder tree, which they threaded on as beads.



# Year 3 learn about Timelines

The children started their research into Prehistoric Britain by visiting our giant timeline in the playground. They located some events in history with which they were already familiar such as the Great Fire of London and the Crimean War in which Florence Nightingale worked as a nurse. They found out that all those events were quite close together, while people first lived in Britain in the Neolithic period 900,000 years ago!



We then used what we knew to make a human timeline of our own.

An era is a different stage of time. There was the Victorian era from 1820–1901, then Edwardian era 1901– 1914 then the Elizabethan 2 era from 1962– 2022. I don't know what this new era is called.

- **Mahbuba, 3 Pearl**



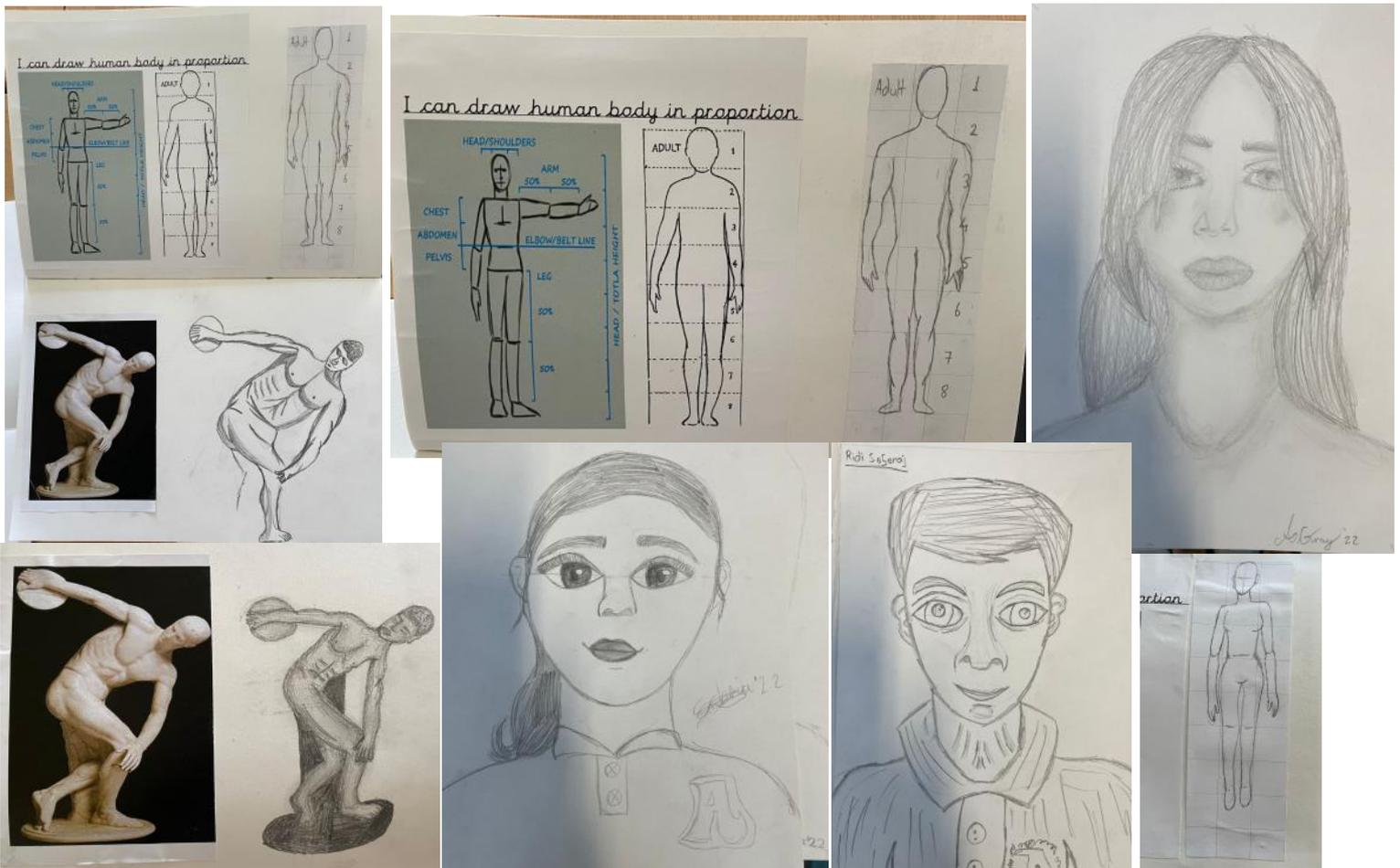
# Year 2 Art

Linked with their study of 'The Great Fire of London', Year 2 had great fun mixing colours to paint flames for their class display. Can you guess which two primary colours they had to mix to achieve all the different shades of orange?



# Year 5 Art – Wow!

This term, year 5 started their Art Journey by drawing human figure and self portrait in proportion. Did you know that the height ratio of the human figure is 8 heads tall?



# Attendance - some signs of improvement!

	WK1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK 6	WK 7
Rec: Jet	92%	94%					
Rec: Topaz	80%	95%					
1 Jade	89%	91%					
1 Ruby	89%	93%					
2 Amber	94%	98%					
2 Opal	89%	98%					
3 Garnet	94%	98%					
3 Pearl	96%	98%					
4 Onyx	94%	93%					
5 Quartz	93%	98%					
6 Diamond	87%	93%					
6 Sapphire	91%	98%					
Total	91%	96%					

Well done to **2 Amber, 2 Opal, 3 Garnet, 3 Pearl, 5 Quartz** and **6 Sapphire** for exceeding the 96% class target of attendance.

Keep it up!



## Dates for your diary

All entries on the calendar have been sent to the applicable parents via Parethub, please check for more information. If you need any help with ParentHub, speak to the school office.



### September 2022

<b>Monday 19th</b>	<b>As a mark of respect, school will be closed for our late Queen's funeral.</b>
<b>Tuesday 20th</b>	<b>Trip:</b> Year 6 pupil set off for their residential trip to the Isle of Wight
<b>Thursday 22nd</b>	<b>Event:</b> Year 3 Welcome meeting <b>Trip:</b> Year 6 pupil return from their residential trip to the Isle of Wight
<b>Friday 23rd</b>	<b>Trip:</b> Year 3 to Chiltern Open Air Museum ( <b>Cancelled</b> ) <b>Event:</b> Year 2 Welcome meeting <b>Event:</b> Coffee Morning 9am-11am All welcome
<b>Monday 26th</b>	<b>Event:</b> Reception Welcome meeting <b>Reminder:</b> After school clubs begin this week for selected pupils
<b>Wednesday 28th</b>	<b>Reminder:</b> Nursery - Year 2 Fluoride Dental Team visit
<b>Thursday 29th</b>	<b>Event:</b> School Bookfair
<b>Friday 30th</b>	<b>Event:</b> School Bookfair <b>Event:</b> Coffee Morning 9am-11am All Welcome

### October 2022

**Half Term Monday 24th—Friday 28th**

# EYFS at Argyle Primary School

**Autumn Term Week 1**

**16th September 2022**

Welcome to the EYFS section of the newsletter. Each week we will be sharing with you the exciting learning that is taking place in the Reception and Nursery classes in order to help you support their language, reading, writing and mathematical development at home.

In Reception the children are undertaking a journey of exploration in a year wide theme entitled **'We are Explorers'**. They have begun this unit by thinking about themselves and their families. The children will be talking about

their families, heritage and things that enjoy doing.

They began the week by reading the texts **'So Much'** and **'Owl Babies'**. The children talked about the people in their lives who are special to them and the reasons why they are special. They then sequenced the story of owl babies and tried to retell the story in their own words.

As the children are still settling into Reception it is important that they learn the routines of the classroom. Parents can help with this by modelling positive behaviours such as sharing, tidying up and using kind words.



## Reception



## Our development matters

### Literacy:

Pupils are developing their fine motor control by learning the correct way to hold a writing tool. They have been provided with many different writing opportunities in the environment. You can help your child by supporting them to write their own names.

### Mathematics:

The children have been learning about counting by singing a range of counting songs such as 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Once I saw a fish alive. Practising counting to ten and beyond will lay a good foundation for their mathematical development this year.



### Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

Pupils have been painting pictures of people who are special to them. They have thought about features (e.g. eyes, mouth, nose) that they need to add to their paintings. They have also had the opportunity to tell their classmates about their families.



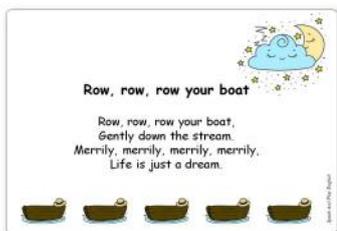
# EYFS at Argyle Primary School

## Autumn Term Week 1

16th September 2022

This week in Nursery, the children are settling into the environment and getting to know the adults and friends that will support them this year. For some children, this transition is quick and easy but for others, this requires a more gradual approach. It is our goal to help children see the nursery as an exciting place to be. You can help your child at home by talking about the fun activities that they can do there. In Nursery this year, the children will become adventurers. They will explore a range of lands and themes but have begun by exploring nursery rhymes. This weeks nursery rhyme is **'Row, row, row your boat'**. The children have sung the song on a daily basis alongside a range of other common nursery rhymes. Singing regularly with your child helps to set the foundations for their reading. The children then learnt more about boats and water. They explored different types of water such as puddles, rain, lakes, seas and talked about how boats help us travel across water. They role played

## Nursery



being in their own boats and rowing them across the sea.

Also this week, the children have been exploring the season of Autumn. They talked about how the weather changes in Autumn and begins to become colder. They explored different changes in nature such as leaves

turning golden and beginning to fall off trees.

## Our development matters

### Physical Development:

The children have been developing their fine motor skills by cutting out images of different types of boats. They have also played with playdoh in order to develop strength in their hands and fingers.



### Personal, Social & Emotional Development:

The children have been naming their body parts and then trying to write labels. They have also been collecting items from the playground to add to their collection of Autumnal objects.



**Children between the ages of 3 and 5 should be getting 10 – 11 hours of sleep. Is your child going to bed early enough? Sleep helps brains learn!**

# The Argyle Adventure - It has got off to a great start!



Argyle  
Primary  
School

**JOIN THE ARGYLE ADVENTURE!**

CREATE  
PAINT  
DRAW  
DESIGN A  
MASTERPIECE

OBSERVE  
HYPOTHESE  
INVESTIGATE AND  
CONCLUDE

LEARN  
LATIN, MEET YOUR  
SWEDISH PEN PAL,  
VISIT  
BONSALL VILLAGE  
CAMP  
UNDER THE STARS



EXPLORE  
WOODS  
RIVER BANKS  
AND THE SEASIDE

WORK WITH  
ORCHESTRAS  
SCIENTISTS  
BARRISTERS  
ARCHITECTS  
AND DOCTORS



GROW A PLANT  
HARVEST IT  
COOK IT  
AND EAT IT



CONFIDENTLY  
SHARE YOUR OPINIONS  
SPEAK  
TO AN AUDIENCE  
RECITE POEMS  
AND TAKE PART IN  
DEBATE



READ  
BEAUTIFUL  
BOOKS  
EXPLORE THEIR  
MEANING  
AND THEN READ SOME  
MORE!

SING, CLAP,  
DRUM,  
PLAY AN  
INSTRUMENT  
AND BE IN AN  
OPERA



SKIP, SWIM,  
JUMP, CLIMB,  
DANCE  
AND RUN MANY  
MILES!



MEET NEW PEOPLE  
AND MAKE  
LOTS OF FRIENDS

COLLABORATE  
COMMUNICATE  
PARTICIPATE  
AND PUSH  
YOURSELF



RECYCLE,  
VOTE, BE A  
ROLE MODEL  
AND  
A BUDDY

**DON'T MAKE ANY EXCUSES; DON'T LET ANYTHING HOLD YOU BACK!**