

Headteacher update

This week began with an assembly on Chinese New Year, where we looked at the idea of luck and prosperity and feeling positive about things to come. The children were very interested in the festival and really enjoyed the story of the Chinese Zodiac.

Brisons class are busy planning their trip to Newquay Zoo. In order to help with the cost of travel, Brisons class are going to do a pizza / bake sale next **Friday 3rd February**. We will send out more information next week but come armed with pennies ready to buy some treats!

Cowloe have had another great week of Rugby! They are really enjoying their sessions from Sam, and Mrs Tindall has commented on their ability to get stuck in and try something new.



Upcoming competitions

St Levan asked if we could rearrange our Netball match that we were meant to have this week, so we have rearranged it for this coming Thursday 2nd February after school. Nancledra have given us the date of 2nd March to replace the one we cancelled before Christmas.

Our next cross county competition will be on Monday 30th January at St Ives Rugby Club. I will be taking the children along in the minibus as usual, and you will have the opportunity to come along and watch and collect from there. Could you please confirm if your child is coming, by emailing [hclackworthy@sennen.tpacademytrust.org](mailto:hclackworthy@sennen.tpacademytrust.org)

On Friday 3rd February we will be playing football against St Buryan. Due to the large number of children that wish to take part, we have decided to play a year 5/6 match this week, and then arrange a year 3/4 match for early next term. We want as many children to experience playing as possible so will be making contact with some other local school too to see if they want to play. I will contact the parents of those that want to play in Cowloe early next week.

Picking up

Just a reminder that if your child is going home with someone else, please let us know. Children often tell us they are going to each other's houses and sometimes they are right and sometimes they aren't! We obviously have safeguarding as a top priority, so need to make sure we are aware of who is collecting each day. Feel free to send us a quick email or pop in first thing and let us know.

Strike days

As mentioned in an email earlier this week, the school will be open as usual on Strike days. The strikes are specific to teachers who are members of the National Education Union (NEU). As a school we very much support our teacher's right to strike and have followed guidance on consulting with staff as to their intentions. I know there have been some stories in the press about schools asking teaching assistants to cover classes. We can confirm that classes are being taught by the teachers and we will be teaching our curriculum as normal.

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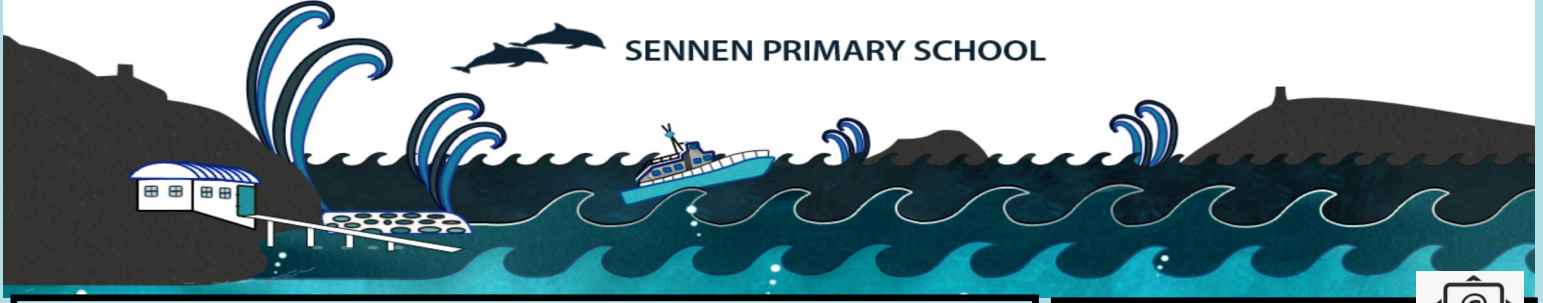
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Day	Event	Club option
Monday	Cowloe Rugby—PE kits please Longships PE—PE kits please Cross Country @ St Ives rugby club	
Tuesday	Brisons group 2 swimming / group 1 PE—PE kits please	
Wednesday	PE for Brisons, Longships & Cowloe—PE kits please	Multi sports for KS2
Thursday	Netball match against St Levan	Stay and play KS1
Friday	Forest school session for Aire 'Show and tell' for Brisons Class Football Match vs St Buryan	Karate for all

Forest School fun!







Aire class round up

We have seen such a lot of brilliant progress in many areas (especially in writing, maths and social skills) these last two weeks as the children have engaged with our Fairytales topic. Last week, we focused on 'Little Red Riding Hood', exploring alternative versions to the traditional tale. The children created their own book covers featuring their own titles, characters and settings. In Forest School, we had a visit from Red Riding Hood herself who had lost the key to Grandma's house. Thankfully the woodcutter had drawn a map of the key's location in Christopher's garden and the children enjoyed using this to find it! This week, we have been reading 'The Magic Paintbrush' (a traditional tale from China) and learning about all things Chinese given that this week marks the start of it. The children have made dragon props for their dragon dance, lanterns and have experimented with using chopsticks to eat fried rice. In Maths, we have been learning how to combine two groups to find a total. We have loved seeing lots of independent writing in the children's play sessions. Well done guys!



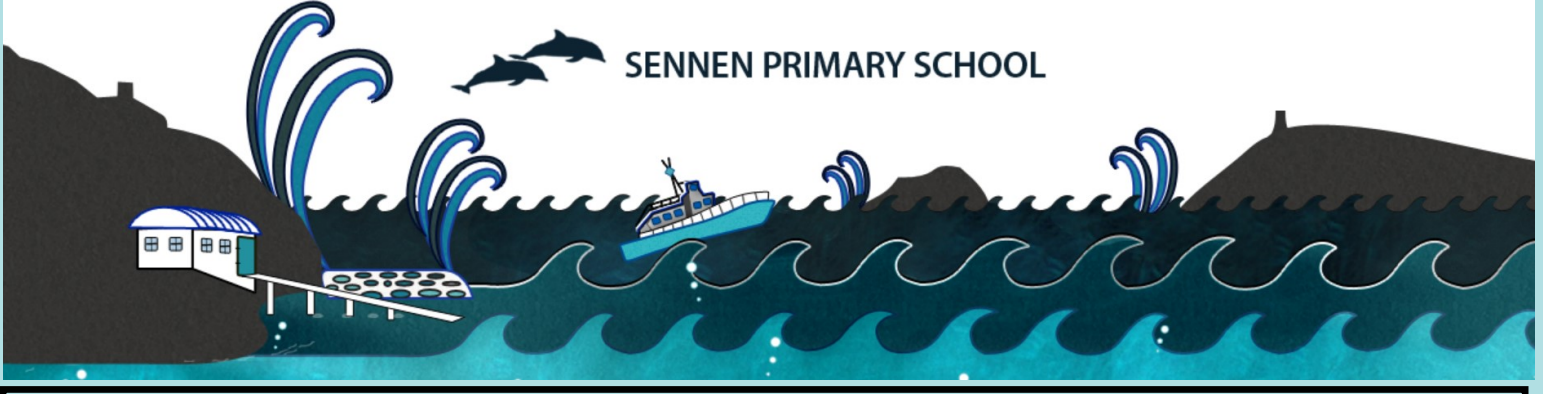
Brisons class round up

The children have worked really hard in Brisons this week, we have carried out science investigations to find out if we can twist, bend, squash and stretch different materials. The children were in charge of setting up the investigation and making it fair, and also were given the responsibility of creating charts to record on. We have continued to learn lots about The Great Fire of London and have been writing great diary entries pretending that we were there with Samuel Pepys.

This week we have spoken about how we would like to raise money for our zoo trip and the children have decided on a bake sale. We will be making some things to sell in the afternoon. This will be on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February and any baked donations will be greatly received, it will take place after school.



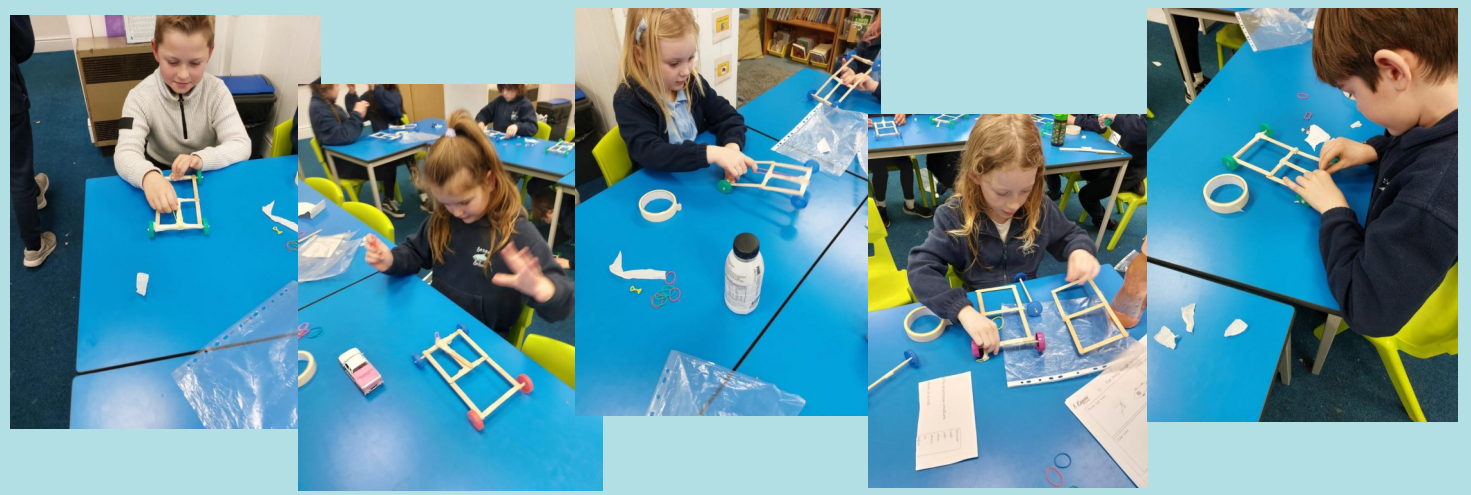




**Longships class round up**

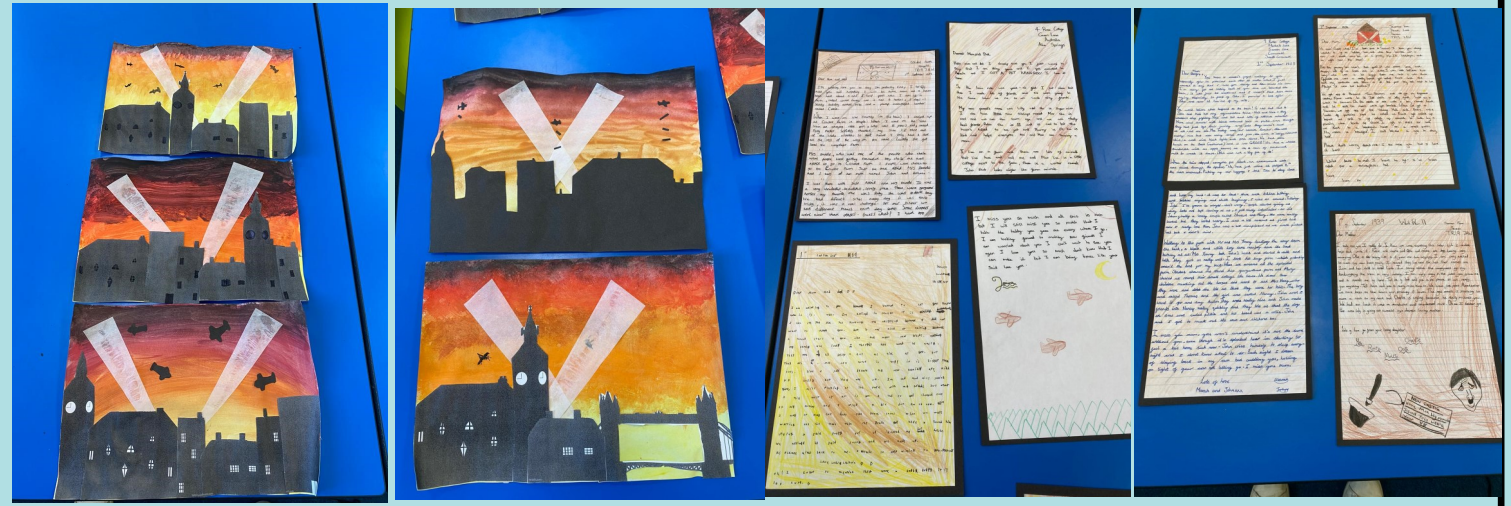
This week we have finished making the chassis for our slingshot cars and had loads of fun testing them out. We are very much looking forward to adding the bodywork to them next week.

In maths, we have perfected our written strategies to multiply a 2-digit number by a single digit before moving on to dividing. In English, we have planned and begun to write stories based on the animation 'Ride of Passage' about an exciting animal-based adventure into the jungle. It has been lovely to see the ambitious vocabulary that we have started to use across the class.



**Cowloe class round up**

The children have been writing so much this week and I am so impressed with their resilience. In English we have been writing our flashback narrative, using lots of emotive vocabulary and clauses to add more detail. They have really embraced this unit with enthusiasm and I can't wait to read their final drafts. In topic, we have written letters from the point of view of an evacuee which have shown their fantastic knowledge and their ability to empathise with the children at the time. In Maths, we have been working hard on fractions- finding common denominators to add and subtract fractions including mixed numbers. The learning has been amazing and I look forward to sharing our final work soon.



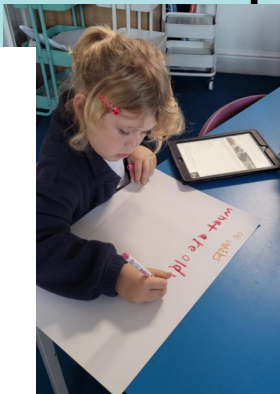




Curriculum focus

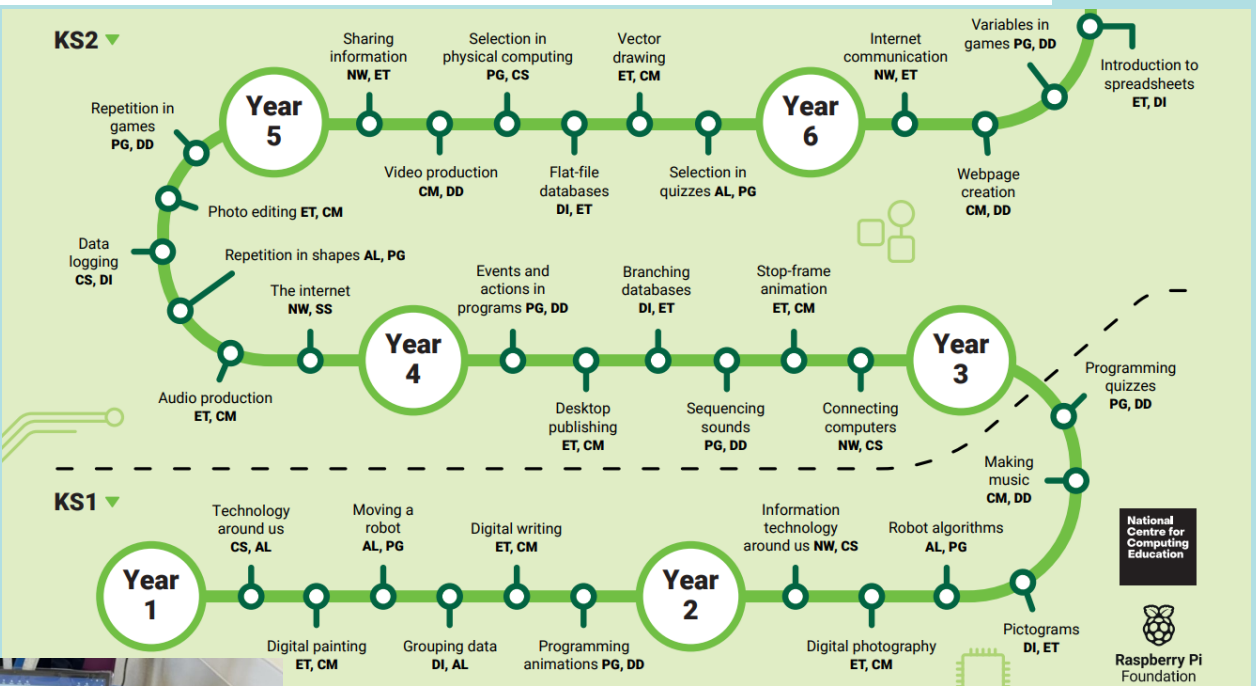
Over the last year, we have worked very hard on our curriculum to ensure that pupils see that there are many different ways to excel. I want to raise awareness of the work going on in school by highlighting a different subject in each newsletter. This week the focus is computing.

At our school we want pupils to be Masters of Technology and not slaves to it. Technology is everywhere and will play a pivotal part in students' lives. Therefore, we want to model and educate our pupils on how to use technology positively, responsibly and safely. We want our pupils to be creators not consumers and our broad curriculum encompassing **Computer Science** (programming and understanding how digital systems work), **Information Technology** (using computer systems to store, retrieve and send information) and **Digital Literacy** (evaluating digital content and using technology safely and respectfully) reflects this. We want our pupils to understand that there is always a choice with using technology and as a school we utilize technology (especially social media) to model positive use.



At Sennen School we follow the National Curriculum 2014 for Computing. We aim to provide high-quality computing education which equips children to use computational thinking and creativity to prepare them for the future world they will be living in. We believe that computing is an essential part of the curriculum; a subject which not only stands alone but also forms an integral part of our curriculum. We use 2 main programs to help us deliver our curriculum: Teach computing (for digital science and Information Technology) and Natterhub (for Digital literacy).

Here is a curriculum map for teach computing



For more detailed information about our Computing Curriculum, please visit:

[https://www.sennen.cornwall.sch.uk/web/computing\\_/399917](https://www.sennen.cornwall.sch.uk/web/computing_/399917)

Next week's newsletter will give more information about our digital literacy platform; Natterhub.

**Lunch Menu**

Children will be asked what they would like each day by their teacher. Children in year R—2 get infant free school meals and it is £2.42 for the rest of the school, other than for those pupils who have been awarded income based free school meals.

W/C: 07/11 28/11 09/01 30/01 20/02 13/03				
WEEK 2		HOT SPECIALS...	DAILY FAVES...	PICK A PUDI
MONDAY	<b>Cheese and Tomato Pizza</b> 🌱 🌱 Served with Two Vegetables	<b>Mixed Bean Pasta</b> 🌱 🌱 Served with Stromboli Pizza Wedge	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🍷 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings <b>Tomato Pasta</b> 🌱 🌱 Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	<b>Jam Sponge</b>
TUESDAY	<b>Pork Sausages</b> Served with Mashed Potato, Two Vegetables and Gravy	<b>Sweet Chilli Vegetable Noodles</b> 🌱 🌱 🌱 Served with Two Vegetables	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🍷 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings <b>Tomato Pasta</b> 🌱 🌱 Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	<b>Orange Shortbread</b> 🍷
WEDNESDAY	<b>Roast Chicken</b> Served with Mashed Potato, Two Vegetables, Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy	<b>Vegetable Pie</b> 🌱 Served with Mashed Potato, Two Vegetables and Gravy	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🍷 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings <b>Tomato Pasta</b> 🌱 🌱 Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	<b>Chocolate Ice Cream</b>
THURSDAY	<b>Keralan Chicken Curry</b> 🍷 🌱 Served with Wholegrain Rice and Two Vegetables	<b>Cauliflower and Sweet Potato Masala</b> 🌱 🌱 🌱 Served with Wholegrain Rice and Two Vegetables	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🍷 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings <b>Tomato Pasta</b> 🌱 🌱 Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	<b>Strawberry Milkshake served with Fresh Fruit</b> 🍷 🌱
FRIDAY	<b>Breaded Fish</b> Served with Chips and Two Vegetables	<b>Quorn Dippers</b> 🌱 Served with Chips and Two Vegetables	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> 🍷 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings <b>Tomato Pasta</b> 🌱 🌱 Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta	<b>Peach Slice</b>

**AVAILABLE EVERY DAY**  
WATER, SALAD, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGHURT & FRESH FRUIT

🌱 Vegetarian 🐟 Oily Fish 🌱 Wholegrain 🍷 Fruity! 🍷 Nutritionist's Choice 🍷 Halal Available