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### Light & Shadow

As part of their Science learning, children in Year 6 planned their own investigations about light and shadow. Some groups chose to investigate how we could affect the length of a shadow and what the longest shadow they could make was. The children were really engaged and have been enjoying their unit of learning.



### Materials around our School

In Science, Year 2 children explored how materials are used within our school grounds. The children went on a materials walk looking for examples of materials such as glass, wood, brick and metal. The children were very focused and observant on their walk.



"We walked around the whole school, and I spotted lots of things made of paper."

Jojo, Year 2 Elm

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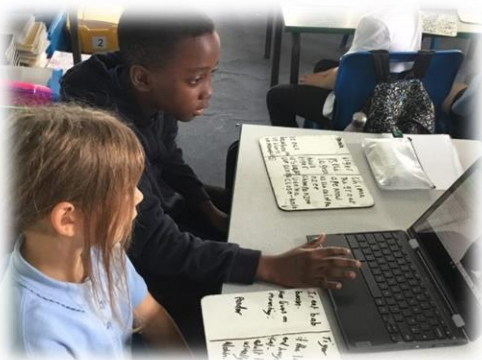
### Describing Elmer

Children in Reception this week have been reading the story of 'Elmer' and his colourful appearance. The children have enjoyed exploring the different colours Elmer has in his patchwork and have been linking their love for drawing to their Maths topic of patterns by creating their own colourful patterned Elmer. It has been lovely to see the children working together to link their learning to something they enjoy during their free-flow learning time.



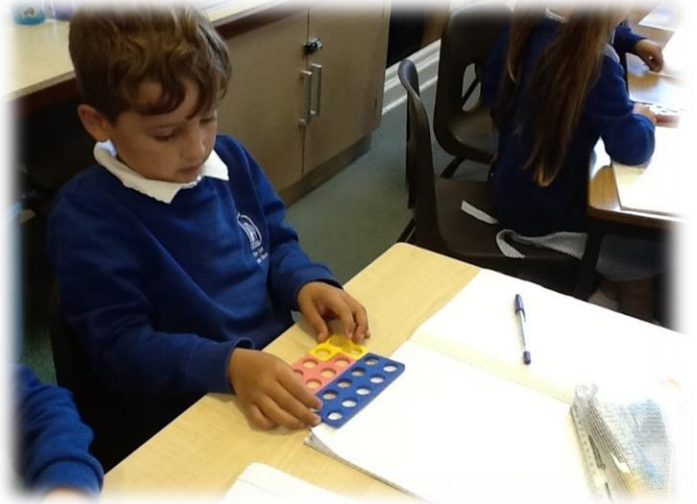
### Science Research

Children in Year 3, as part of their science lesson, researched the diet of different animals: a giant panda, a monkey and a tiger. The children were able to confidently share their findings with the rest of the class, building on their prior knowledge.



### Number Bonds

Children in Year 2 have been building on their knowledge of number bonds to 10 to make number bonds to 100: if  $7 + 3 = 10$  then  $70 + 30 = 100$ . The children used manipulatives to aid in their understanding of the concept. The children have been enjoying their Maths lessons and the challenges they are given in their going deeper tasks.



### Building Bonds

In Year 4, the children have continued to look at ways they can work together and build their class teams. In PE, the children used their problem-solving skills to move their teams from one part of the hall to another without touching the floor: only using a limited amount of equipment.



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## Comparing Numbers

In Maths, our Year 1 children have been comparing different numbers using language such as less than, greater than and equal to. The children used cubes to compare different numbers and then recorded their findings using the  $<$   $>$  and  $=$  symbols.



## Workshops

Do remember our upcoming workshops that are tailored to help you understand strategies that we are teaching in school to help your child or children at home.

These have been communicated to you in the Diary Dates in July and are also advertised in our newsletter.

We look forward to seeing you at these workshops as together we make learning count for all our children.

## Workplace in Bloom

In the Summer Term, Hyde Park Schools' Eco Ambassadors took part in a competition: Workplace in Bloom.

We recycled old green and brown rubbish bins into planters for wildflowers! The Eco Ambassadors worked together to design and paint the bins. Then, they were taken to the Plymouth City Council depot at Prince Rock where flowers were planted. We are so proud of the Eco Ambassadors for taking part in this project!

Below are some compliments that we have received thanks to the efforts of the school children:

*"It makes me smile every morning to see the bins when I drive in!"*

*"I love that they bring so much colour to the depot"*

*"It's a credit to Plymouth and heart-warming to see"*



## Congratulations

Huge congratulations to Rory, who recently took his Grade 3 Piano exam and received a distinction with an incredible score of 143 points out of 150. Well done, Rory!



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## Black History Month – October 2022

Black History Month is the annual celebration and commemoration of moments in history, achievements and contributions that Black people have made. First brought to the UK in the 1980s, Black History Month was initially introduced to the country by a member of the Greater London Council, Akyaaba Addai Sebo. Since 1987, Black History Month has been celebrated annually in the UK, to eradicate discrimination and encourage racial equality. At Hyde Park Schools, we will be honouring the contributions made to society by people of black heritage and their communities. On Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, we will host a special celebration assembly to commemorate Black History Month.

### Yom Kippur

Yom Kippur is the holiest day of the Jewish year and marks a time for atonement through fasting and prayer.

### Nut free School

Please be reminded that we are a 'nut free' school and we kindly ask that any food items that contain nuts are not brought into school. Thank you for your understanding as we have children with severe allergies.

### Reporting Absences

It is important to contact the School Office each morning before 9:15am if your child is absent from school. If your child has an appointment with the general practice (GP), dentist, or hospital, please bring in evidence to keep on your child's record. All absences will be recorded as unauthorised unless evidence is provided. Thank you for your support.

### Free School Meal – Application Process

Free School Meals is a statutory means-tested benefit, which provides a child with meals at school for free. If you believe you may be entitled to your child receiving free school meals, please contact the School office. The member of staff on reception will also be able to advise you on the process for claiming free school meals. Please note that this benefit must be reapplied for each year.

### Personal Details

Please ensure you provide the School Office with your most recent and up-to-date details including, changes to address, telephone numbers or email contact. Please also provide the School Office with your child's up-to-date medication, including inhalers, spacers and EPIPENS. It is especially important that in the event of an emergency we can contact you if your child is unwell. Thank you.

## Flu Vaccine

We would like to remind all parents, guardians and carers that on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> October the NHS school nurses will attend the School to administer nasal flu vaccinations. This vaccination is available to all children in Reception through to Year 6 but will only be given to those for whom we have received consent. Parents, guardians or carers who have not yet given permission, but wish for their child to receive the vaccination, or have any questions about this matter, should contact the School Office. Thank you.

## Awards

**Star of the Week** – this award is presented to pupils who consistently displays all the school values and goes above and beyond in helping their peers and teachers.

**Ethos for the Week** – award is presented to pupils who have gone above and beyond for the week in demonstrating their understanding of the value in focus either through their words or deeds.

*Parents can continue to instil these values at home and complete activities to reinforce these.*

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Cedar	Eli
Ash	Molly
Oak	Max
Beech	Freddie R
Poplar	Arthur S
Willow	Sonny
Holly	Melina
Elm	Juliet B
Sycamore	Aliya-Grace
Keller	Aria
Seacole	Alex S
Barnardo	Genevieve
Attenborough	Alisha
Curie	Gethin
Hawking	Eric
Ghandi	Elsie
King	Amelie
Mandela	Oryn
Pankhurst	Bella
Douglass	Dinuka
Dickens	Darcy

### Nominations for curious

Cedar	Sammy
Ash	Holly
Oak	Reuben
Beech	Tobias
Poplar	Arlo H
Willow	Henry
Holly	Radiet
Elm	Penny
Sycamore	Olivia
Keller	Angus
Seacole	Nikita
Barnardo	Lucky-Mae
Attenborough	Mihnea
Curie	Archie
Hawking	Nate
Ghandi	Ella
King	Lauren
Mandela	Sameer
Pankhurst	Ben D
Douglass	Ethan
Dickens	Pablo

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## October

<b>October</b>	<b>Black History Month</b>
<b>Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Harvest Festival</b>
<b>Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Yom Kippur - Jewish day of Atonement</b>
<b>Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>National Poetry Day</b>
<b>Friday, 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Flu Vaccine - children with permission only</b>
<b>Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> - Monday, 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>World Space Week - Women in Space</b>
<b>Monday, 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>World Mental Health Day</b>
<b>Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> @ 9am &amp; 6pm</b>	<b>Phonics Information Workshop - Reception to Year 3 Parents</b>
<b>Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> @ 9am &amp; 6pm</b>	<b>Phonics Information Workshop - Reception to Year 3 Parents</b>

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