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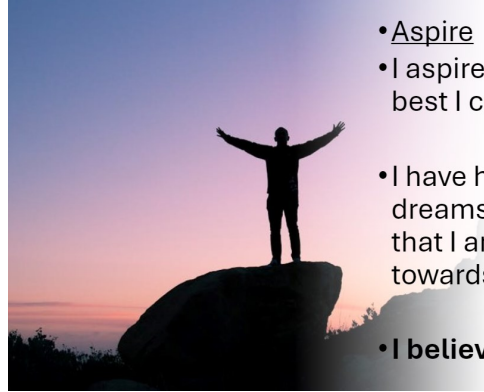
Friday 20th September 2024



Message from the Headteacher

Good afternoon!

Our value this month is Aspire, a fitting value as we launch our Year of Reading next Friday. It is really important for our pupils to have hopes and dreams for the future and the questions I asked in assembly were: Who do you aspire to be? How can school help you achieve your aspiration?



- **Aspire**
- I aspire to be the best I can be
- I have hopes and dreams for the future that I am working towards
- **I believe in myself**

Being at school, working hard every day to have good learning habits was a good first step! If you have some time over the weekend, why not open a conversation about your child/ren's hopes for the future? The children I spoke to had some brilliant aspirations, not only about their jobs for the future, but also the type of person they wanted to be.

School News

****October Parents Evenings - Change of Date****

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have had to change the dates of the October parents evenings. These will now take place during the week commencing 14th October 2024. The dates have been updated on the 'Dates for the Diary' newsletter page.

Parking at drop off/collection

Can we please remind parents/carers to park sensibly and safely at drop offs and collections. We understand that the road works outside of school at the moment are causing some frustrations but please ensure you do not park on blind corners/blocking entrances to resident access roads etc. Thank you.

Tempest Photographs

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Sunday 29th September 2024**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk . If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Consent/Permission Forms

Over the next week, we will be sending home various consent/permission forms with your child that we will need you to complete. Please also ensure that you check that all emergency/contact details are correct. We ask that you return these to school as soon as possible.

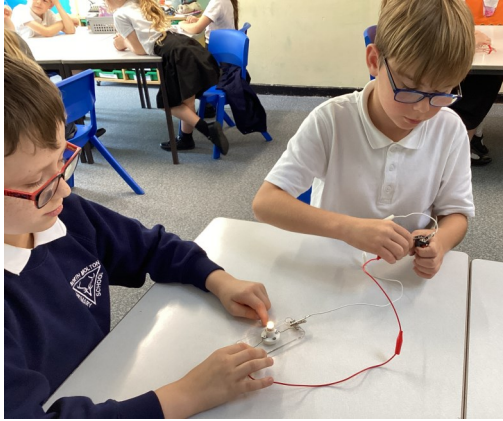


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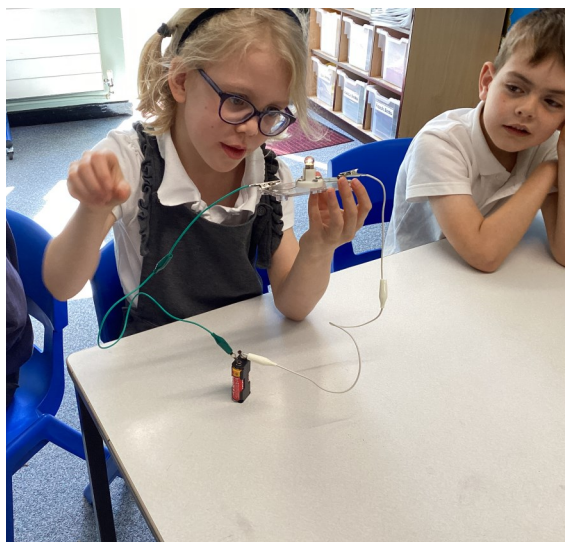
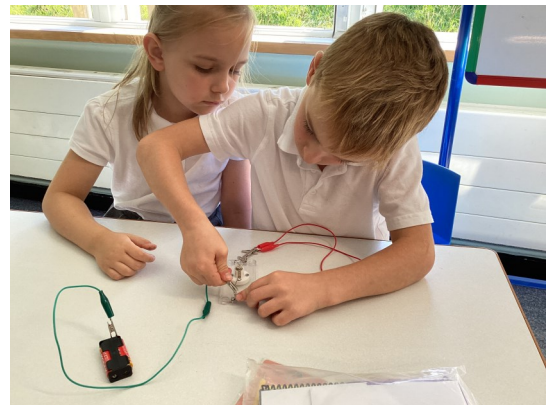
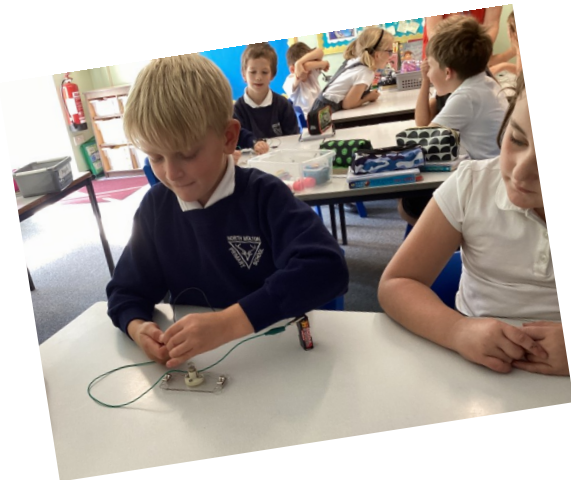


Events of the Week



Falcons Class

This week Falcons Class have been exploring electrical devices and making circuits. They were challenged to light two bulbs and draw diagrams afterwards to explain how the circuit worked.





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Sparrowhawks Class

Archives

We had a virtual call with Sophie from the National Archives Centre. We had learnt about the Titanic and how the National Archives was created. We found it interesting how the Titanic would not slow down even though they were warned multiple times by other sailors. They had also thought that the boat was unsinkable so they decided to not stop sailing at the Titanic's absolute limits, because they believed it was the one and only unsinkable ship. That's how it led to the tragedy. The Archives had started from a person putting documents in a case and because a rat had eaten the documents, they decided to make a safe place for it all and that's how the archives started. We really enjoyed our session with the Archives.

By Harley + Oakley

Titanic meeting

On Wednesday 18th September, we had a virtual meeting with the National Archives. We were shown three documents of reports and telegrams of the Titanic at the time of hitting the iceberg. When learning about the lifeboats, we were looking at document three which showed that each boat could hold up to sixty five people, however shockingly we have a photo of a boat that has around twelve people on board. Many who were the cause of this issue stated that there were twenty eight people on the boat. Luckily, there were enough life belts for everybody alas it wasn't enough to protect people from the freezing weather and water so many people still passed away. We first looked at a mystery document looking for a place it was set, names and a date. As for Thomas Ryan who was frustrated that his son Patrick Ryan had quite sadly died. The reason the Titanic crashed was because the captain tried to beat a world record for fastest boat across the Atlantic ocean so didn't slow down and hit the iceberg. The boat picked its first load of passengers from Southampton harbour and sailed halfway across the Atlantic ocean until it hit the iceberg and sank to the bottom of the sea. Close to the beginning of the archives meeting we saw a rat that was the oldest thing about the archives. It apparently ate many old papers and that is the reason archives were invented to protect our documents. We all really enjoyed learning about the Titanic and we hope we can meet them again.

By Isabelle and Esther



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Next Session, TUESDAY 24th SEPTEMBER.....

STORYTIME

Look out for pre-school storytimes starting in September....

We are going to be holding fortnightly Storytime sessions for pre- school children and their parents with Mrs Wardle.

These will run in the school hall between 2.45pm and 3.15pm on Tuesday afternoons.
We will share stories, songs and healthy snacks.

All welcome and look forward to seeing you there!





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Dates for the Diary

2024 - 2025



Date	Event
23 - 27 September	Appledore Book Festival - Author Visits
24 September	Pre - School Story Time with Mrs Wardle, 2.45pm - 3.15pm in the school hall
2 October	Flu Immunisations
7- 11 October	Space Week 2024 - Space and Climate Change
8 October	Pre - School Story Time with Mrs Wardle, 2.45pm - 3.15pm in the school hall
14, 16, 17 October	Parents Evening Meetings
22 October	Pre - School Story Time with Mrs Wardle, 2.45pm - 3.15pm in the school hall
28 Oct - 1 Nov	October Half Term Holiday
4 November	Non Pupil Day
5 December	EY and KS1 Christmas Performance. Afternoon Performance, 2.15pm - 2.45pm Evening Performance, 5.00pm - 6.00pm
12 December	KS2 Christmas Performance . Afternoon Performance, 1.30pm - 3.00pm Evening Performance, 5.00pm - 6.30pm
23 Dec - 3 Jan	Christmas Holidays
6 January	Non Pupil Day
7 January	First Day of Spring Term
10, 12, 13 February	Parents Evening Meetings
17 - 21 February	February Half Term Break
24 February	Non Pupil Day
5 - 7 March	Yr 5/6 Residential Trip to London
6 March	World Book Day
31 March - 2 April	Whole School Art Exhibition
7 - 21 April	Easter Holidays
22 April	First Day of Summer Term
5 May	Bank Holiday



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Dates for the Diary

Continued...2024 - 2025



Date	Event
26 - 30 May	May Half Term Holiday
26 June	Sports Day
2 - 3 July	Year 6 Transition Days to SMCC
4 July	Reserve Sports Day
7 - 8 July	Reception Parents Evenings
14 July	Non Pupil Day
15 July	Year 6 Leavers Trip TBC
18 July	Whole School Music Celebration
23 July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
23 July	Last Day of Academic Year
24 July	Start of Summer Holidays



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News from the Village and Local Community

Little Nippers Baby and Toddler Group:

Becky Parker is running a Baby and Toddler group in the Methodist Hall on a Wednesday morning 9.30-11.30am during term time. This is a free group with tea and coffee alongside activities and toys for the little ones. The poster is on our website in the newsletter section

Friday Club:

The next Friday club session will be TONIGHT, **FRIDAY 20th SEPTEMBER.**

Friday Club looks forward to welcoming Years 3-6 tonight to the 1st session of the new academic year.

Two reminders:

- as well as completing an Admission form on child's 1st session, we also require parents of Yr. 4-6 inc. to look over previously completed Admission forms (available @ Club sessions), make any changes and to sign when checked.

- we look forward this evening to receiving your child's 'surprising' fact (but no pressure).

NB: Thanks to Tami R for setting up a North Molton Friday Club Fb group. All parents/grandparents/guardians of Year 3-6 are invited to join this group which will help in keeping everyone up to date with activities/alterations, etc. We again thank Lou and Steph for all they have done/continue to do in communicating FC activities and hope this group will help to alleviate some of their work.

Phonebox Library: The village has converted the disused telephone box into a community library. It's a lovely library for the children to visit, take a book and recycle the ones they are finished with. The village phone box library has a lovely selection of **children's books** as well.

The Saunders Good Samaritans Trust:

If anyone is struggling and needs any help please contact this local charity that is available to support residents in our local community. For more information please contact Rose Courtney (740382) who lives in the village.

Village Events

October - Archival Day, lots of photographs and news clippings going back over 100 years! More details to follow soon.