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## A busy term at Exminster Community Primary School

The children and staff have had another exciting and varied term. Here are some of the comments made by the children in the different year groups about the range of experiences they have had over the course of this Spring term:

### Reception classes:

Oskar: "I liked it when Entertainingly Different (a theatre group) came in and we were pretending to be the Wolf from the Three Little Pigs. We had to move around the hall making noises and different shapes with our bodies.

Pedro: "I liked building a staircase with the Cuisenaire rods in maths. We had to put them in order of the right size. We have to remember their proper names so that we can write maths sentences."

Kade: "I loved climbing the mud mountain at the Exeter Forest School. It was tricky but I kept on trying till I got to the top. I got very muddy too."

Charlie: "I liked toasting marshmallows at the Forest School. We had to be very careful next to the fire."

### Year 1:

Freddie: "I liked painting my picture in Art week. We drew it 4 times to make it better. The last time we outlined it and painted it. It was good to keep trying. Everyone came to see them after school in our exhibition."

Jonathan: "I really liked learning about transport from the book The Naughty Bus by Jan Oke. I liked changing the story to "The Cheeky Train" with my class. We had lots of ideas and had to decide which one to use."

Mae: "I like tracker time. You get to learn in different activities. We can choose what to do in our own order. We have to remember to do everything during the week."

### Year 2:

Joe: I enjoyed our work on castles. I brought in my knights from home to add to our display. Everyone could take turns at playing with them. It was really interesting."

Isabel: "I enjoyed making Purim Hamantashen for R.E. I made them with my friend and Mrs Collins. They looked like volcanoes when they were cooked."

Aimee: "I've enjoyed learning about Catherine Rayner in English. She is an illustrator and an author. We had to think about why we liked some of her stories. We had to give our own opinions. We had to think really hard"

### Year 3:

Megan: "I really enjoy doing Maths. I like having to solve problems. It makes me think really hard."

Jessica: "I love history. It's interesting learning about Ancient Egypt because I don't know a lot about it at the moment. I can't wait to learn more."

Oliver:" I really like playing Tag rugby. We get to play a proper game. I am getting much better at it."

### Year 4:

Ellie: "I enjoyed going to the Mosque in Exeter and learning what the Muslims in Exeter do. Before they pray they have to wash themselves and they pray 5 times a day."

Daniel: "This term I have enjoyed swimming. We were trying to learn how to swim so we played some games like getting into a circle and running round one way, and then the other way in the water. I got much better."

Rio: "On our trip to Kent's Cavern I enjoyed the dig where we had a brush and we had to pretend to be fossil finders. There were little gem stones in the sand. We were allowed to take the gemstones home!"

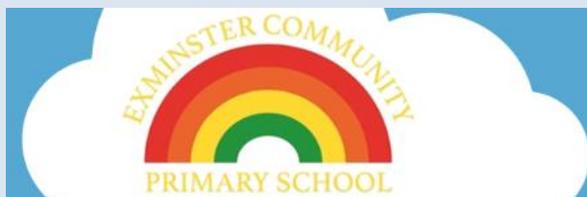
### Year 5

Hannah: "In French we have been learning about instructions. I created a poster with my friend – we had to make it in French so we put the translation on as well. I am very proud of it and can't wait for it to go up on the wall in the classroom."

Josh: "In DT we did some sewing. We created our own NDEBLE tribal art work using material. We had to search for inspiration and then create our own in the same style. I really enjoyed doing this."

Kasie: "In PE we have been doing Gymnastics. I really enjoyed doing this. I could share my skills with my friends because I do gymnastics outside of school too. It was fun to help them get better."





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### Year 6:

Kiya: "I really enjoyed the geography field trip to Dawlish Warren because I learnt that in fifty years the sand spit may no longer be there. We also got to build sand castles with different defences. Then the warden washed them away."

Mollie and Taryn: "In art week we made survival bands and bead bracelets. It was a challenge to thread all the beads and keep them in place but we kept at it."

Betty: "I enjoy writing up times when I have been thinking and engaged in my work, for example in a recent maths test I felt that my learning behaviours were really positive."

We have recently updated our website. Why don't you take a look and let us know what you think: [www.exminster-primary.devon.sch.uk](http://www.exminster-primary.devon.sch.uk)

### Fundraising

If you regularly shop online at retailers such as John Lewis, Next, Amazon, Ebay etc. then [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) is a great way to raise money for the school. It's easy to register and if you have an Iphone or Ipad, using the app makes it even easier. When you register you will be asked for the cause you are supporting – just pick Exminster Community Primary School from the drop-down menu.

Let's say you want to buy a pair of shoes from John Lewis. Instead of going to johnlewis.com directly, you first go to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) or the app. From the easyfundraising website, click through to John Lewis to make your purchase. This tells John Lewis you came from easyfundraising. The price of the shoes is exactly the same and a percentage of your spend will come to the school. If you have any queries, please speak to Mrs Welch in the School Office.

### Reminder

The final day of the Spring term for the children is **Wednesday 23 March**. We return to school for the beginning of the Summer term on **Monday 11 April**.

### Devon CAP (Child Assault Prevention)

Devon CAP will be visiting the school during the weeks commencing 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April to undertake workshops with the children. We will be holding a parents' information meeting from 1.45 - 3.15pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April so parents and carers can have an insight to the programme. Further information will follow shortly.

### Sports Relief

This week the children are getting active for Sports Relief and on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, in return for a small donation to the charity, children may come in wearing their sports gear.

This week, in their year groups, the children have been taking part in different sporting events and competitions. This has been a great opportunity to motivate the children to get active and to have fun whilst exercising. Year 4 and Year 5 have already participated in Handball festivals. Year 1 will be having a focus on healthy eating and completing physical activity related to people's lives in Africa. These events will allow children to apply and improve on the skills they have been developing throughout the year in PE. In addition, they will be developing their teamwork skills, decision making and working on our values of inclusion and thinking.

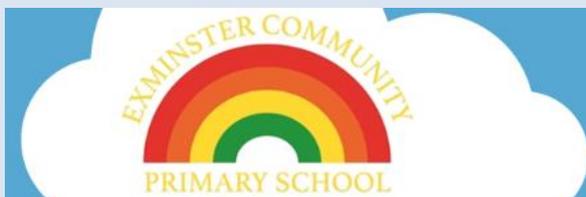
### Lost Property

Once again we have accumulated a large amount of lost property. Any items not claimed by Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March will be donated to charity.

### Breakfast Club

If you wish your child to attend Breakfast Club the first week after the Easter Holidays, the week commencing Monday 11 April, you must return your booking form by Monday 21 March. Places will not be available for that week unless pre-booked.





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### Request for plastic greenhouses

Does anyone have a plastic greenhouse they no longer require and would be willing to donate to the school? We would like to germinate seeds and bring on plants for the school allotment. If you can help, please speak to the ladies in the office.



## Exminster Easter Eggstravaganza

Sunday 27 March, 11am to 3pm

### What's happening?

- Family Easter Trail along our RSPB Powderham Marshes wildlife trail
- Take part in 10 Easter challenges, collect the clues and win your chocolate prize!
- Friendly volunteers and staff will be on hand to greet you and show you where to start

### Where?

Meet at the start of the Powderham Marshes footpath, just behind the Swans Nest pub at the far end of the car park. Nearest postcode is Station Rd, Exminster, EX6 8DZ.

### Time and price

The trail is running from 11am to 3pm  
Price- £1.50 per child, RSPB members and Adults free.

### Bookings

No need to book just turn up.  
Call 01392 833311 or email [exe.estuary@rspb.org.uk](mailto:exe.estuary@rspb.org.uk) for more information.

### What to bring

The trail can be a little muddy so make sure you grab your wellies and bring a warm coat. We are sorry but dogs aren't allowed on this trail, but you can take dogs on the Exminster Marshes paths just over the railway bridge.

Visit [rspb.org.uk/joinandhelp/discoverandenjoynature](http://rspb.org.uk/joinandhelp/discoverandenjoynature)

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