

Curriculum letters: find out what we are learning about in class through our school website and our curriculum letters. Reception has a weekly Seesaw update with what they are learning and ideas for you to do at home to support this.

Yr group	Curriculum letter link
1	https://www.exminster-primary.devon.sch.uk/curriculum/year-one/y1cletters
2	https://www.exminster-primary.devon.sch.uk/curriculum/year-two/y2cletters
3	https://www.exminster-primary.devon.sch.uk/curriculum/year-three/y3cletters
4	https://www.exminster-primary.devon.sch.uk/curriculum/year-four/y4cletters
5	https://www.exminster-primary.devon.sch.uk/curriculum/year-five/y5cletters
6	https://www.exminster-primary.devon.sch.uk/curriculum/year-six/y6cletters

500 words story competition: <https://r1.ddlnk.net/3YNL-1L7F4-904892BOC23D32C75LF836C2AD9844C95E21D1/cr.aspx> The BBC have just opened entries for their 500 word competition. Children of all abilities and ages (5-11 years old) can enter, and young writers don't need to worry about punctuation or spelling, they just need to get their stories out in under 500 words! 50 finalists will be invited to a star-studded event at Buckingham Palace in February next year. On top of this EVERY story which is submitted will be entered into a random draw in February. One lucky child will win a pair of tickets to the final, a bundle of books, 500 books for their school as well as a literacy wall-art of the school's choosing. The competition closes on Friday 10 November 2023 at 8pm. For more details about the competition, how to enter, the prizes and to read the Terms and Conditions and Privacy Notices check out [the website](#).

Safety: Parents, please be aware for children that are walking on their own around the village, an incident was reported to us by a parent from Friday where their child was approached by two teenage boys wearing hoodies, at approximately 4.30pm on the main road in the village. They took the phone out of the child's pocket and purposefully dropped it on the floor smashing the screen. It is shocking to hear that such an act of intimidation and vandalism is happening within the village.

Tuesday 10 Oct 2023

This week:

Thurs 12 Oct – Family Learning Conference

Dates for the future:

Mon 16 Oct - Family Learning Conference

Mon 23 – Fri 27 Oct HALF TERM

Fri 3 Nov – Yr3 Reading meeting

Tues 7 Nov – 6NS Reading meeting

Fri 10 Nov – Yr4 Reading Meeting

Mon 13 Nov – Yr1 and 2 Numbots day –dress as a robot

Yrs 3-6 – TTRS Day, dress as a rockstar

Tues 14 Nov – 6A and 6BH Reading meeting

Fri 17 Nov – Children in Need Yr5 Reading Meeting



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Lost Property: Please ensure that all items brought/worn to school are clearly labelled. We have a huge pile of lost property including coats, lunch boxes, drinks bottles as well as the usual jumpers and cardigans. We have set up an account with Stikins Name Labels; www.stikins.co.uk. If you order a pack of labels from them and use our school code of 6994 we will receive 15% commission. The labels can be used all school items. Our code, 6994, needs to be added in the box at the bottom of the order as shown below.

School Fundraising Number (Optional):

Please enter optional school number



Year 6 Secondary School applications: A message from Devon County Council; we are now over half way through the application window for Secondary school admissions into Year 7 next September. We understand that parents and children are still visiting schools and weighing up their options, but the closing date is looming. The easiest way for families to apply is online by visiting www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline. If families don't wish to or can't apply online, they can also complete a hard copy application form which can be obtained by calling 0345 155 1019. **The closing date for applications is 31st October 2023.** A lot of secondary schools in Devon are under pressure with space due to local growth, so it is essential that we get as many applicants applying on-time as possible. Late applications may be disadvantaged, so it is vital parents make an on time application to give themselves the best chance of securing a place at one of their preferred schools.

School Tours: If you have a child starting school next September and would like a tour of our school please use the Google form to book <https://forms.gle/bc1eAe1uCcPG1h4j7>

Information for parents – Nits: Unfortunately we are currently experiencing an outbreak of nits in the school. This can happen regularly as head lice are very common amongst primary school children. They can easily be transferred by head to head contact. Prevention is the key and we therefore recommend that all long hair is tied back and you check your child's head on a weekly basis. Regular application of lots of conditioner and combing through thoroughly using a nit comb before rinsing out is also recommended for the on-going management of nits alongside the use of chemical treatment when nits are found. We appreciate your support by regularly checking your child.

Scarlet Fever: We have a confirmed case of Scarlet Fever in school. Scarlet fever is a bacterial illness that mainly affects children. It causes a distinctive pink-red rash. If you think you or your child has scarlet fever, you should consult your GP. The disease tends to be most common in the winter and spring and the treatment consists of a course of antibiotics. Children or adults diagnosed are advised to stay at home until at least 24 hours after the start of treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.

#HelloYellow: There's still time to donate to today's non-uniform day in support of Young Minds World Mental Health Day. There is a payment item on the School Gateway app.

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