



Curriculum Newsletter

Summer 2 2023



This half term in Square Tower Class

Our Big Questions

What do humans and animals need to live a healthy and positive life?

How could having a healthy lifestyle make us feel good?

How can we use the arts to make us feel calm?

What is special about me?

We had a fantastic time at Fort Purbrook on our first school trip. Pupils were able to try archery, some even hit the bullseye! We also enjoyed handling the artefacts at Fort Nelson and seeing all of the tanks, guns and army equipment.

In school, we had a visit from a volunteer from the RNLI who talked about water safety, children learnt about some of the flags and signs they would see at our local beaches. We have also had visits Dan who taught us some drama games and dance moves. A local singer performed some songs to the pupils and they got to try out the microphone themselves. Our final visitor was Ella, a local artist who led a workshop on painting animal portraits using a range of bright, neon colours. We have really enjoyed welcoming so many people into school this half term.

During sports week, the children really enjoyed attending 'SAS school'. They were fortunate to be able to use real army gear when completing their challenges. This project has been a real favourite for many pupils. As part of our focus on healthy lifestyles, we made our digestive system which was a bit messy but fun. We also conducted an experiment to see how different drink effect our teeth. It seems that squash and coke have quite an effect on our teeth.

In core skills, pupils have focused on their knowledge of graphs and statistics, as well as properties of 2d and 3d shape. They have continued to enjoy cooking this half term and had a fantastic time making pizzas to show their learning about a balanced food plate.

**Please remember that the fist two days of the Autumn term are Inset days
4th & 5th September 2023**



Family Support

Over the summer holidays, please read the transition social story with your child a few times. Talking about the return to their familiar classroom, pupils and staff may help them to feel more settled about coming back to school in September.

In the first two weeks after the summer, we will have a science focus. If pupils are able to practise and perform a magic trick based on scientific idea, we would love for them to show the class as part of our project. There are lots of ideas online with things you can find around the house.

We will be subtly talking about change. It would be useful if pupils have the chance to discuss changes they have already been through during the holidays to show how change can be a positive thing.

Upcoming Events

If you are looking for things to do over the summer holidays, there are lots of family friendly, free events happening in the local area.

Portsmouth International Kite Festival on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30 July

Port Solent Kids club are running lots of free activities over the holidays find more information visit this website <https://www.portsolent.com/whatson>

There are some brilliant free museums in Portsmouth which often have activities for children running, including The Royal Dockyard, Portsmouth City Museum and Portsmouth Natural History Museum.

Over several dates in August at Southsea Splash Pool there are events happening including a Mini Marines assault course

There are Butterflies and Wildlife Days, at Portsmouth Natural History Museum

On 4th August in Fareham Town Centre there will be an Inflatable Slide plus Everyone Active Active Antz team activities

There will be a Play Festival at Portsea Adventure Playground on several dates in August with a Movies Theme, lots of games, arts and crafts, food and drinks.

Perhaps visit Fort Nelson and let your child give you a guided tour. It's free entry and there is a lot to explore.

Also don't forget the live music at the band stand across the summer.



Check out our school Facebook page for updates and the exciting things we've been up to. Simply search for 'The Wymering School'.

