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From The Rectory

How wonderful the hedgerows have looked this spring, with an ever changing display of beautiful colours and flowers. I have to say this has been one of the delights of moving to Devon – the wild multi-coloured displays alongside every country lane. But the flowers have now mostly faded, and we now turn to the deep shades of summer green. And we hope to not see the browns and yellows of last year's summer dry spell – particularly as we are in desperate need of water, given we started the summer with a hosepipe ban.

"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever."

When I walk around the lanes and fields at this time of year, this verse from Isaiah seems very apt. The beautiful flowers we see are there only for a short time – some flourish for only a few days. The grass withers in the heat of the sun without the rain to refresh it and our lawns look brown. These words remind us of the constant changes of nature as the next season replaces the last.

Our society too seems to constantly be changing at a bewildering rate. New ideas, new challenges. Even over the last few years we have seen shifts from traditional TV and CDs to online streaming. A move from shopping on the high street to shopping online. We have seen a massive increase in working from home – a big part due to COVID which by itself brought massive changes. It looks like the next big change might come from AI – photos are being realistically faked, art is being 'generated' and students now cheating by getting ChatGPT to write their essays, rather than going to

the effort of cribbing off their friends!

In a changing world, God told Isaiah to tell the world that we can trust in his steadfastness, his everlasting nature, and his word and promises. God wants to say that while we sometimes find it hard to keep our promises – our word to others can sometimes wither like grass – he always keeps his. His promises are secure. If our words can sometimes be like a flower that fades, his word is a rock, like an immovable mountain. We are subject to the ever-changing nature of this world, but he has complete steadfastness of purpose and character. The image of God as the unchangeable rock is a common picture in the Bible, Moses in the book of Deuteronomy said:

*He is the Rock, his works are perfect,
and all his ways are just.*

*A faithful God who does no wrong,
upright and just is he.*

Amongst all the changing seasons of life – some which will fill us with expectation and some with apprehension – God is the rock of stability. What happens is of no surprise to him, he has already charted a course for our world through it. He has given us the promise of a future life of hope with him. We just need to trust in his word and promises, most particularly in the forgiveness and rescue that he offers us in Jesus. He is the Rock to build our lives on, faithful to his promises and just and upright in all his ways.

Rev'd. David Spence



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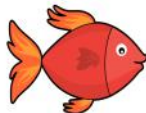


Every Thursday (inc. school holidays)

9am-11am @ St Peter's Church

Little Fishes is our weekly toddler group for parents and children aged 0-4 and is held in St Peter's Church, North Tawton.

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Rebel-On

Following a successful community meeting held in the Church Rooms Sampford Courtenay, there was unanimous agreement to go ahead with the proposal to mark the 475th Anniversary of the Prayer Book Rebellion in 2024.

The Prayer Book Rebellion started in the village in June 1549. It involved a number of battles between the Rebels and the Kings Army as well as the siege of Exeter.

It ended with a final battle on the hillside above Sampford Courtenay in August of the same year where many people from both sides lost their lives.

The proposal has already attracted a great deal of interest from Community Groups, Historians and Re-enactment Groups.

The meeting in the Church Rooms added to the list for what could be a really exciting range of community events to mark the anniversary as well as providing a lasting legacy for the Parish and future generations.

A summary of the suggestions so far can be downloaded on: <https://www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk/node/802>

The meeting was very keen to ensure that any activities were accessible to all and involved the local community as well as ensuring the engagement of young people.

So it is Rebel-On in Sampford Courtenay.

If any other Community Groups or individuals have any ideas or feel that they would like to help by, joining a Working Group, Running/Organising a "stand alone" Event, Fundraising or Volunteering. Please let us know.

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Can Anyone Help?

By chance, your editors discover that the van which visits North Tawton fortnightly from Lloyds Bank is no longer able to park in the North Tawton Car Park in the Square because the van is too large to pass through the car park entrance. We have been in touch with Lloyds Bank and can confirm the service will continue fortnightly on Tuesdays between 1.45 and 2.15 p.m., but the van will be found at the Rugby Club.

At a time when banks are apt to close branches saying that people are not using them, Lloyds is to be commended for keeping this service available in North Tawton. But we wonder if the elderly or infirm will be able to visit the van at the Rugby Club. The van has to be parked off the road (that is to say on private land off the highway).

Is there anyone nearer to the centre of the town who could allow this to happen on their land?

Are there folk in the town who would like to use the service but find the distance to the Rugby Club and back too far to manage?

Are there other folk with cars who might offer lifts during that half hour between the Square and the Rugby Club? Perhaps on a rota basis?

Hilary and Richard.

Roundabout

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Coronation of King Charles

The Council expresses thanks to North Tawton Events Committee for its hard work in organising the party in the park which was facilitated by grant monies from WDBC and National Lottery Communities, the wildflower seed distributions, and to the many volunteers who took part in events for the big help out.

Replacement Planters for The Square

The Council thank Allision Homes for their £500 donation towards new planters for the Square, these have now arrived and will have been planted week commencing 12th June.

Hanging baskets

You may have noticed that there are not as many hanging baskets around The Square this year. This is because DCC have withdrawn their permission for us to hang them on the existing lampposts due to potential structural failure. DCC have commissioned new lampposts and once they are installed, we will be able to continue hanging baskets from next year.

Cemetery Memorial Inspections

The Council has a legal duty to carry out health and safety inspections of memorials in the Cemetery and closed Churchyard. The Council has appointed an external, qualified Company, to carry out the inspections, which will commence 23rd August 2023. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Town Clerk.

Clock Tower

Funding operations are under way to raise the additional monies to rebuild the canopy, which will include fund raising and donations. Further details will be published shortly. Instruction has been given to our contractor to repair and rebuild the roof using specialist heritage techniques in accordance with Listed building control instructions and we hope this will be completed as soon as possible.

Memorial Park

Some of the play equipment in the park is coming or has come to the end of its life. The Council will have to decommission some items and use s.106 monies and council reserves and seek some additional grant funding for replacement. Please take the time to consider what equipment you and your children would like to see in the park and contact the Clerk with suggestions and pictures if possible.

Cemetery Extension

The Tier II ground water assessment has been completed and was favourable. A full planning application will now be submitted by our planning consultants PCL Planning.

Benches in The Square

The Council wrote to all property owners with frontage in the Square to ascertain if they would be willing for a bench to be placed outside their property. Only 2 responses were received, and the council will now determine how to proceed.

Town Centre Car Park

The bank will no longer park in the car park as there is insufficient space for their current vehicle. They have moved to the Rugby Club. On 18th July the Council's Transport Committee will be considering options from providers for this area to be used for Electric Vehicle Charging.

Council Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd July 7.30 p.m. at North Tawton Rugby Club. We have an open forum with Allison Homes who are developing Weavers place between 7.15 and 7.30 p.m. Our regular meetings are on the first Tuesday of every month, and we have an open forum between 7.15 and 7.30, if you wish to present anything to the Council. To book this slot, please contact the Clerk at least 8 days before the meeting. Alternatively, we have 2 periods during the meeting when the public can attend and raise matters for the Council to consider but unless the matter is already on the agenda, the Council will not be able to offer an immediate response and will carry the item to the next agenda for a formal reply if this is required.

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North Tawton Afternoon W.I.

Ramblings of a North Tawton W.I. Member

I've been thinking. When the last High Street bank closes for good, will they do away with Bank Holidays? Or will they rename them 'Chatbot Holidays'? Questions like this keep me awake at night. Questions like this, accompanied by the sound of someone softly snoring. Or the sound of that same someone trying to gently crunch a Rennie indigestion tablet. Serves him right for insisting that he had room for three courses. The dessert being sticky toffee pudding which was enveloped in a caramel sauce, with a jug of custard on the side. Every last drop of sauce and custard scraped off the dish with a look of pure contentment on his face when he'd finished. The very definition of bliss.

I love a good statistic. Here's one for you. Did you know that it costs 10.5 million pounds to run the Devon Air Ambulance service for a year? That's two helicopters, one at Eaglescott and one at Exeter and two Critical Care Cars. Marilyn and Alan, both volunteers with the service, gave a really interesting presentation that was packed with statistics plus a couple of short films that highlighted just how important and how valuable the service is. More statistics? In 2022 there were 1255 air ambulance missions and 573 missions by car. Night time missions totalled 292. They dealt with 360 cardiac arrests, 43 equestrian incidents and 27 agricultural incidents. Busiest month? July. Busiest day of the week? Friday. They are proud to remain independent of any central government control, which gives them complete flexibility, thus allowing them to be totally patient centred. The service relies heavily on its 650 volunteers who can be found taking on a variety of different roles from working in their shops, helping out at head office or out in the community where they help at fundraising events, give talks to community groups and schools or look after the many donation boxes. It was clear to see that Marilyn and Alan are so proud of the organisation they are involved with – their enthusiasm and love for the service was truly humbling. And finally - have you ever been airlifted by the Devon Air Ambulance? If so, they would love to hear from you as having feedback can really help them reflect on the care they give.

Husband has a new phrase. "You're never 'ome" – (he means home) That's cos there's so much to do with our wonderful W.I. Haven't told him about the Gin Tasting afternoon. Might not be able to find my 'ome afterwards. Is it worth booking a taxi for a 200-yard journey? See? That's another question that'll keep me awake. What else are we up to? We're invading the BBC Spotlight studios in July, (just had a vision of husband reading the teatime bulletin and Victoria Graham is translating for those having trouble with his cut-glass Devon accent) Ever watched 'Inside the Factory' with the very exuberant Gregg Wallace? Ever wondered how they make Ambrosia rice pudding? We'll be able to tell you after we've toured their site in Lifton.

It's raining. At last. I'm standing at the back door inhaling a lungful of 'Petrichor'. It's lovely. Look it up.

Sue Knott

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There will be **no** repair café in August, we will be back in September.

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For more information go to <https://fb.me/NTRepairCafe>
We would also love to have new repairers join us – particularly those who can help with fixing electrical items – vacuums, radios etc. Get in touch if you would like to share your skills.

STEVE BLOOD

Thank you to everyone who sent cards and condolences on the death of Steve. Your thoughts were very much appreciated. And thank you to everyone who attended and helped with the Classic Car Get Together and to the Rugby Club for the use of the venue. It was a fitting and uplifting celebration of his life and we raised the brilliant sum of £331.95 for Guide Dogs.

Chris Blood.

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JULY EVENTS

'Summer Reading Challenge 2023, Ready, Set, Read!'

Launch with fun activities - Saturday 8th July



The Summer Reading Challenge is back for 2023! 8th July – 16th September

This fabulous challenge created by The Reading Agency invites children aged 4 - 11 to join in the fun for FREE at their local library.

This year's theme is Ready, Set, Read! It is all about games, sports and children being active. The Reading Agency is working in partnership with Youth Sports Trust, and illustrations are by Loretta Schauer.

Visit your local library and sign up.

Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read library books, eBooks and audiobooks. Children can choose anything they like to read!

Receive a Challenge folder and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.

Complete the Challenge to receive a certificate and medal

Fusion Leisure have kindly donated a 'free swim' voucher for each child that completes the Challenge at Okehampton Library. Have your photo taken with our finisher's trophy!

Character Hunt - 8 July – 16 September

Can you find all the Ready, Set, Read! Characters hidden around the library?

Fun activities with Rob Pudner from Entertainingly Different - Saturday 22nd July (to be confirmed). Contact Okehampton Library for full details on 0183752805. Booking essential.

AUGUST EVENTS

Sciencedipity. Ready, Set, Science – Friday 4th August

Contact Okehampton Library for full details on 0183752805. Booking essential.

Fun, Free afternoon - Monday 7th Aug 14:30-15:30

Join us for some fun activities in the library. Individual challenges and team games. See if you can beat your personal best! Suitable for ages 5+. Booking essential through the library or Eventbrite, limited spaces. Okehampton Library 0183752805

Make & Play- Tuesday 15th Aug 14:30-15:30

Join us for some fun creativity and play. Make three different activities to play with in the library and take home to impress your friends and family with your skills. Suitable for ages 5+. £2 per child. Booking essential through the library or Eventbrite, limited spaces. Okehampton Library 0183752805

Fun, Free morning - Friday 25th Aug 10:30-11:30

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All entry forms to be in by 7 p.m. on Wednesday 9th August 2023

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Children may enter all Adult classes or older children classes.

Children must put their age (not name) on their exhibits. Consolation prizes will be given to all exhibitors under 16 years who do not win a prize.

All exhibits must be brought to the village hall either on Friday 11th August between 6 – 7 p.m. or on the day of the show 12th August 2023 between 8.45 and 10 a.m.

All vegetables must be washed and trimmed

The village hall will be cleared at 10 a.m. for judging to commence .

The committee will take reasonable care of exhibits but will not be held responsible for any loss or damage.

Exhibitors wishing to remove their exhibits must do so between 3.45 p.m. and 4 p.m. Exhibits remaining will be auctioned off.

N.B. Prizes will be presented immediately following the auction. Any exhibitor wishing to sell an item please attach a price label to the item after 2 p.m. 20% of the sale price will be donated to this year's charity.

PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE SCHEDULE FROM WEBSITE AND FILL IN YOUR ENTRY FORM AND DROP IN/DELIVER TO HIGHER TOWN BY 7 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY 9TH AUGUST.

The Den Brook Community Fund invites Charities, Community Groups and Not-for-Profit organisations who are based in the parishes listed below, to apply for grants which will provide some assistance towards meeting the costs of new Capital Projects.

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THE ART BOX – July 2023

In association with Ruth Smith Gallery and Red Mud Arts. If you would like to contribute, please contact Ruth on 07810590954 or at ruth@ruthsmithgallery.co.uk

This month's Art Box is written by Anne Wilby, resident of North Tawton and a supporter of Red Mud Arts.



With this year's Government decision to slash arts funding by half in higher education, it has become even more imperative for rural communities to keep local creativity alive – and not just alive but attractive, enticing, and vibrant.

The effects of the internet – that silent stalker of young minds – which can influence the way youngsters think, feel, and communicate, can also be kept in check by the arts. While modern technology can make our lives easier, research shows an excessive reliance can insidiously dull sensitivities and dampen creativity – the very cornerstones of artistic appreciation.

Old-fashioned boredom – a frequent precursor to creativity in the young – no longer exists.

Reaching repeatedly for one's smartphone can help keep the imagination behind bars. And who knows how the looming prospect of dependence on artificial intelligence will affect the brains of future generations of young adults?

As our local primary school is now putting mental health tuition on its curriculum, encouraging active creativity is even more important. Adults too need it in their lives – and now with the NHS in crisis, there is an even greater need to be more self-reliant on our own healing therapies.

To produce something from nothing or to appreciate another person's artistic creation, is not only rewarding but nourishing too. It feeds the soul – be it with music, theatre, paint, clay, fabric, or plain old words moulded into poetry and creative writing.

Red Mud Arts aims to provide just this. The dedicated core of people behind the project are brimming with ideas to make the arts more accessible, especially to younger members of our community. The group has achieved much over the last year in formulating their plans and establishing their presence, so now is the time to support their future ventures in whatever way we can.

SCEnSus Annual Himalayan Balsam Clearance.



<https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/ornamental/flowers/balsam/himalayan-balsam-control.htm>

Saturday 1st July – 10 a.m. New Inn Rear Carpark.

Please wear suitable clothing and footwear.

Bring gloves to wear while pulling the plants.

If possible, please read full Risk Assessment on the Website prior to the event.

We hope to clear as much of the River bank from the New Inn to Frankland Bridge at Honeychurch – all volunteers would be welcomed.

More details contact the Clerk on 0183782285 or ClerkSCPC@gmail.com

BONDLEIGH RAINFALL

The total rainfall for May was 53.9mm, slightly less than last May which was 67.5mm. At a glance one might think a fairly similar amount. However last year it was spread evenly over the month. This year it was concentrated into 6 days between the 4th and the 10th. Many parts of the county experienced flash flooding. As I am writing this on June 10th there has been no rain for a month, but, looking out of the window, it has just started raining. Is this the end of the 'summer' or is it the beginning of a long hot Summer? I am sure Mr Knott's spuds could do with a good soak.

Danny Semorad

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

There be many that say: who will shew us any good?
Lord, lift up the light of thy countenance upon us.
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Psalm 4

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16TH EXMOUTH II (H)	16TH EXMOUTH II (A)	23RD SOUTH MOLTON (H)
23RD TORQUAY ATHLETIC (A)		
30TH EXETER SARACENS (H)		
OCTOBER	JANUARY	APRIL
14TH HONITON (A)	6TH TORQUAY ATHLETIC (H)	6TH WITHYCOMBE (A)
21ST IVYBRIDGE II (H)	13TH EXETER SARACENS (A)	
	27TH HONITON (H)	
NOVEMBER	FEBRUARY	KEY DATES
4TH OLD PLYMOUTHIAN + MANNAMEDIAN (H)	3RD IVYBRIDGE II (A)	27TH OCTOBER - FIREWORKS NIGHT
11TH PLYMOUTH ARGAUM (A)	17TH OLD PLYMOUTHIAN + MANNAMEDIAN (A)	FURTHER CUP FIXTURES AND DATES FOR A CHARITY MATCH TO BE CONFIRMED
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SCPC held their meeting on Wednesday 7th June. With 7 Councillors, 2 WDBC Councillors and 6 members of the public present.

Parish Priorities – Following on from comments received from parishioners at the Annual Parish Meeting in May – SCPC councillors agreed the Priorities for the coming year/term of office.

Internal Audit – was approved and Clerk will now submit AGAR documents to the External Auditor.

475th Anniversary of Prayer Book Rebellion 2024 – after a very well attended meeting on 1st June. SCPC agreed to be the lead organization and to underwrite next year's event with a special Ear Marked Reserve set up for Fund raising and Grant applications with no monies from the Precept being involved. At the conclusion of the event any financial surplus in the EMR should be used to support the historic legacy for our parish for future generations.

Himalayan Balsam Clearance – Saturday 1st July – 10 a.m. – New Inn Car park. All volunteers welcome

Devon Communities Resilience Day – 17th May 2023 – Please see updated **Overarching Resilience Plan & Snow Plan** on the website here <https://www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk/sampford-courtenay-resilience-plan>

Please see updated **Road Safety Plan** on the website here <https://www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk/scpc-parish-resilience-emergency-plans>

Oke Rail Coffee Morning – Saturday 27th May 2023 – Cllr. McIlwraith reported that the event was well attended and very positive about future funding for the railway. There should be a new report to circulate after the next meeting.

Prayer Book Rebellion meeting – 1st June 2023 – very positive and well supported meeting. Details of ideas suggested for this event next year can be found on the Website here <https://www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk/node/802>

Up-dated Countryside Code with Shaun the Sheep. https://www.nationaltrail.co.uk/en_GB/countryside-code-and-shaun-the-sheep/

Increase in Swarms of bees due to hot weather – find a local beekeeper to come and safely take them away on <https://www.bbka.org.uk/pages/category/swarm-removal>

Prevalence of Ticks in the countryside this year – Please beware when walking through the countryside this year. There seems to be a prevalence of Ticks. More information of what they look like and how to deal with them can be found here <https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/injuries/skin-injuries/tick-bites>

Google Calendar now live on the Website page. <https://www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk/events-calendar>
local groups are asked to refer to this calendar and let us know of any events they are planning so that it can be added to the calendar to try and prevent clashing of events.

Emergency Numbers & Contact Details – are now available in a handy Parish Directory which can be downloaded from the Website <https://www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk/information-leaflets-links>

GET SCPC & PARISH NEWS DIRECT TO YOUR INBOX - the best way to keep up to date is to sign up for emails via Julie and the Website.

Please contact SCPC Clerk – Marion Pratt at SCPCclerk@aol.com or on 01837 82285 if you would like to raise any issues. Even better, come along to a meeting.

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Outside the Box?

While I agree wholeheartedly with Dr Peter Brickley's concern (*The Art Box – June 2023*) that the arts are all too often seen as intimidating, I have to take issue with one of his suggestions for making them more approachable. His first suggestion – 'How does this poem, picture, sculpture, piece of music etc. make me feel?' - I have no problem with. But he then goes on to ask 'How has the creator of this piece of art made me feel this?' Well, for some this may deepen their appreciation, but I have to say that for me it has the opposite effect. Sometimes a few bars of Schubert will reduce me to a quivering heap, or a Turner sky make me want to shout for sheer joy. If at times like that I might ask 'How does he *do* that, even?', the question is entirely rhetorical.

What happens in that moment when a poem or a song or a picture suddenly invites me in is a Mystery - in the full sacramental sense of the word - and no amount of analysis of the artist's technique will be able to explain it. William Blake, who knew a thing or two about the nature of inspiration, put it like this:

He who binds to himself a Joy
Does the winged life destroy:
He who kisses the Joy as it flies
Lives in Eternity's sunrise.

Myself, I'll settle for Eternity's sunrise.

*Martin Olsson
Bondleigh*

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News From North Tawton Community Primary School



Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) at North Tawton Primary School

Here, at North Tawton, we'd like to give you a little snippet about our language curriculum. The intention of the Key Stage 2 French curriculum at North Tawton Primary School above everything, is to ensure children develop a love of learning languages; children become resilient linguists and experience success in their language learning and they understand the importance of language learning and develop a deep empathy for those who are learning English as an additional language.

Our curriculum extends children's cultural capital and deepens their understanding of the world. Children learn about France and the Francophone world and its customs, traditions, and history. Children are confident in engaging with French songs, stories and films. This intercultural knowledge develops empathy with other cultures and equips them for future international lives.

Through our curriculum, children are well prepared for Key Stage 3 language learning. They absorb patterns of language through continuous practice, retrieval, and interleaving, which can be manipulated to talk about themselves and others in a variety of contexts over time. Our children acquire a range of strategies for language learning and knowledge of language. We do not know which languages our children may need in the future, but we understand the skills they will need to approach language learning in later life.


Our current Year 6 children are fortunate enough to be joining in with a French Residential taking place in July, alongside a large group of other year 6 children from across the DMAT. Within this residential, they will be fortunate enough to travel by ferry to Normandy and whilst there will visit the Pegasus bridge and Bayeux Tapestry, Mont St. Michel, the 360 cinema and the British War memorial (D-Day landings), Bayeux Cemetery, Saint Mere Eglise and take part in a trip to a biscuit factory, French market and visit a French restaurant. Needless to say, this will be an amazing experience for all the children, and we have even been practising our skills to order our own food in a restaurant! Whilst there, we will also be visiting one of our 'pen pal' schools. Last summer Year 5/6 wrote letters to children in a school in France and they wrote back! We have been developing these links where possible within our curriculum.

At North Tawton, we have also been fortunate enough to be asked to take part in a 4 year, progression in primary languages research project under the guidance of Reading University. The aim of this study is to examine Key stage 2 children's progression in a language whilst at primary school to build a detailed picture of how children's language knowledge develops in a primary school setting and shed light on the factors that affect language learning in this context.

We hope this gives you a brief insight into our MFL curriculum at our wonderful school and how learning a language can inspire our children to develop a love of languages and become lifelong language learners who are curious about the world we live in.

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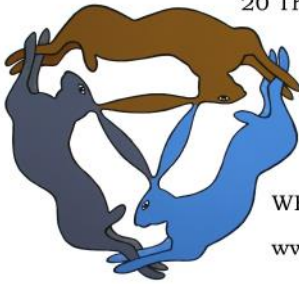
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