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Nova News

Keeping you up to date all year round

NOVA
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is an incredibly short term and with a couple of bank holidays thrown in, it feels like we have barely got started, only to find another school holiday looming!

Of course, for the Year six team and children, this term has been all about SATs. For four days, we pull together and ensure these wonderful children have as stress-free a time as possible; the goal of a trip to Blaise on Friday has certainly helped. We need not have worried- all the children did their personal best and we could not ask for more. Whatever the outcome, it is important to remember that these tests do not define our young people. It is the effort they put in and the kindness they show that really matters.

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped: Mrs Crawford for so diligently ensuring the tests were

Dates for your diary

We know how important it is to be able to plan in advance. We will endeavour to keep you as up to date as possible with school events.

Bristol Term Dates for 2018 – 2019

Term 5

Tues 23rd April to Fri 24th May 2019

Term 6

Mon 3rd June to Tues 23rd July
2019

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stored and processed correctly, the additional staff who have helped supervise and especially the class teachers and teaching assistants who have put their hearts and souls into giving the children every possibility of success. Teamwork is the backbone of any school- it enables us to see challenge as opportunity and get through the trickiest of times!

On another note, I hope that you have met our Lead Learning Mentor by now. She has settled in so quickly and the children are big fans already. Do come and say hi to Janet if you can, or call an for appointment if you are requiring more bespoke support.

Miss Vaughan, our new SENCO has been steadily moving her belongings in, and we cannot wait to welcome her after half term! It has been a pleasure for Mrs Thorpe and myself to work with so many of you over the last few months, but we will all benefit from someone who brings such a wealth of knowledge about Special Educational Needs. Thank you for your patience during this period of recruitment!

Enjoy the half term break and I hope the sun shines for you all.

With kindest regards,

INSET DAYS 18/19

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Inset Day 5

Friday 24th May 2019

Other Useful Dates:

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Noah's Ark Visiting Year 2

20th May

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KS1 Sports Day

25th June 2019

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KS2 Sports Day

28th June 2019

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KS1 Sports Day Reserve

2nd July 2019

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KS2 Sports Day Reserve

5th July 2019

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Y5/Y6 Performance

16th July @ 10am & 6pm

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Year 6 Leavers Assembly

22nd July @ 10.00am

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Nova's Got Talent

22nd July

Anna Morris
Headteacher



**Bristol Term Dates for 2019 –
2020**

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Term 1

Mon 2nd Sept 2019 to Fri 25th Oct
2019

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Term 2

Mon 4th Nov 2019 to Fri 20th Dec
2019

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Term 3

Mon 6th Jan 2020 to Fri 14th Feb
2020

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Term 4

Mon 24th Feb 2020 to Fri 3rd April
2020

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Term 5

Mon 20th April 2020 to Fri 22nd May
2020

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Term 6

Mon 1st June 2020 to Mon 20th July
2020

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INSET DAYS 19/20**

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Inset Day 1

Monday 2nd September 2019

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The other 4 Inset days to be
scheduled

CURRICULUM AT NOVA

This term we have launched our new exciting Line of Enquiries to explore throughout terms 5 & 6. 'What a wonderful world!' is the overarching theme where children across the school will be developing their geographical and scientific skills and knowledge in particular as well as developing an appreciation of the diversity of life. Parents in all year groups will be invited in to share in children's learning in this Line of Enquiry and we will keep you posted of dates in advance.

You can find more information about our Nova curriculum on our school website at <http://novaprimaryschool.co.uk/learning/curriculum/> or on class pages.

Year R - Early Years have had a brilliant term learning lots about different animals! We have been lucky enough to have chicks visit our classrooms for two weeks of the term! We observed them closely, looked at their similarities and differences, and learned about their life-cycle - and we got to give them a cuddle too! We loved this learning and are now looking at different creatures; we are observing some tadpoles in the class, and have even done some pond-dipping to look at their habitat!



Year 1's Line of Enquiry is 'Why is water precious?'

Year 1 children have been busy writing fact files. They have investigated different sea creatures such as octopuses and sharks and used adjectives to describe their favourite sea creature. They also investigated their habitats, diets and other interesting facts. Year 1

are currently learning about the water cycle and exploring different lifeforms sustained by saltwater.



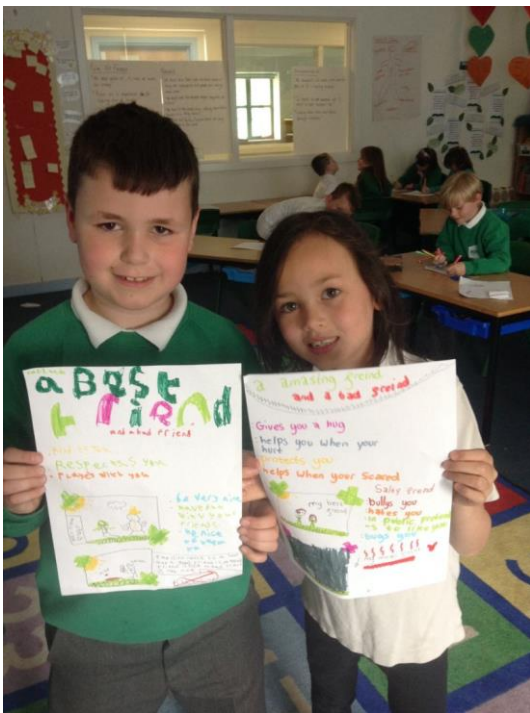
Year 2's Line of Enquiry is 'What makes Africa amazing?'

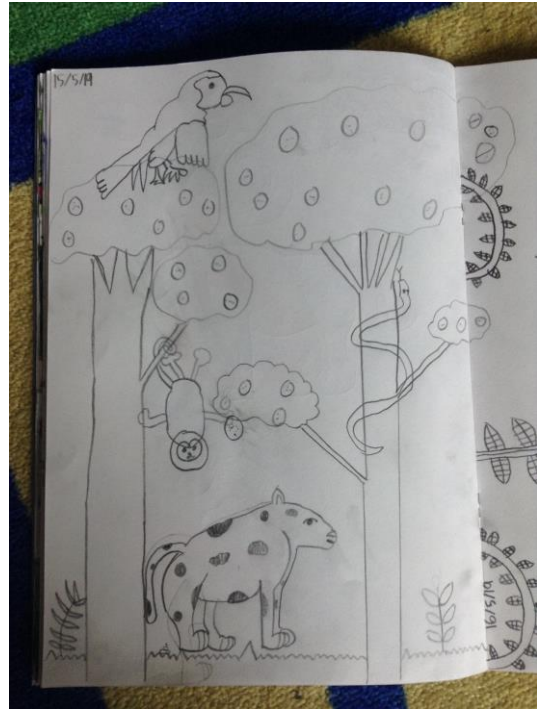
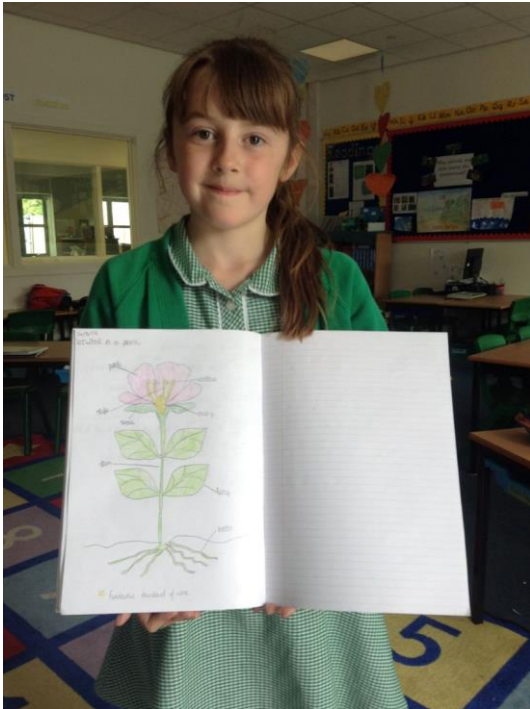
Year 2 have been deciding which African animal is the best out of a choice of 5! They worked in school and at home to research each animal and then presented their ideas on Family Friday. The result of the vote was that the black mamba was the best! We have also had a speaker in who gave us lots of information and answered our questions about South Africa. On 20th May, Year 2 will have some special animal visitors from Noah's Ark!



Year 3 's Line of Enquiry is 'Why should we care about the environment?'

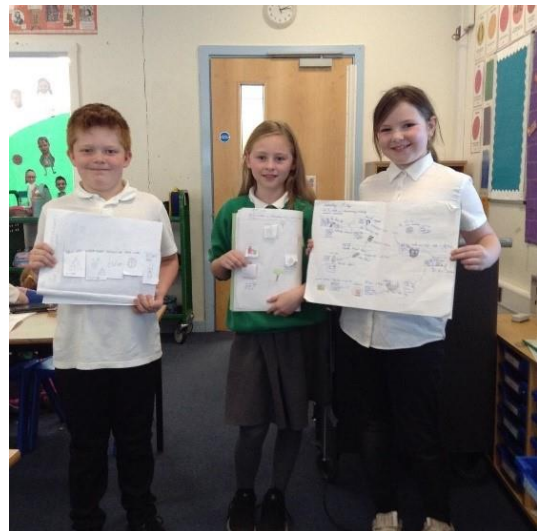
In PSHE Year 3 have been considering the skills involved in being a good friend. They have presented their ideas to their classmates by drawing pictures, making posters and writing recipes for friendship. In computing we have been learning all about QR codes and exploring their uses. Year 3 have also been working enthusiastically to produce written reports on the rainforest for their own children's nature magazine in our Line of Enquiry; "Why should we care about the environment?" We have been studying the jungle art of Henri Rousseau and the children have started to produce some amazing drawings inspired by his paintings.





Year 4's Line of Enquiry is 'What's the most important thing about chocolate?'

Over the last five weeks, Year 4 have started answering their topic question by learning about the Mayans and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. As part of this, we have written and edited audio descriptions, designed and decorated the classrooms, created timelines of key information and to end the first block, we are producing Mayan weaving which will be exhibited in our Mayan museums.



Year 5's Line of Enquiry is 'What makes planet Earth unique?'

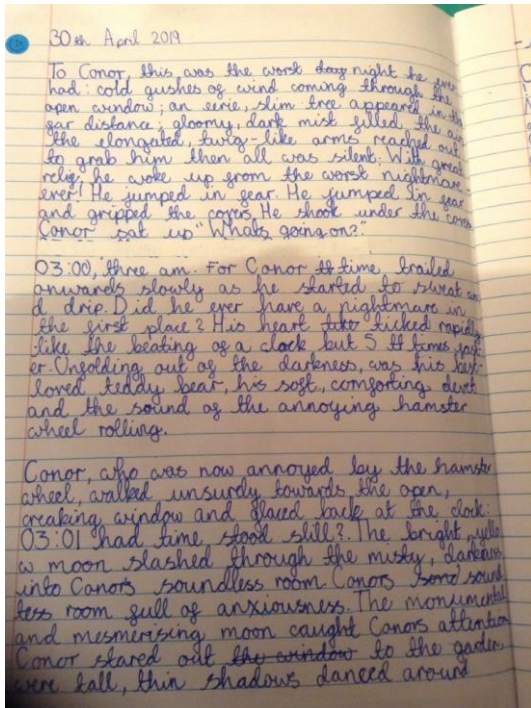
Year 5's Line of Enquiry launch this term has been out of this world! Fizzy rockets, towers tested by earthquakes, planetary art and the moon phases demonstrated with cookies! We have even found time to write reports about the entire solar system.



Year 6's Line of Enquiry is 'How can life be celebrated through animations?'

Congratulations to all of Y6 who haven't taken SATs week in their stride. Breakfast Club was a great success - a chance to relax over croissants and juice before getting down to work. We asked for a personal best and our children rose to the challenge. Well done, Morph and Banksy!

Y6 have been on the edge of their seats reading 'A Monster Calls'. They have created such high-quality writing after looking at how author, Patrick Ness, creates suspense. They have also been busy revising key mathematical concepts through a range of fun challenges.



Of course, we always welcome parent/carer helpers - you may have a skill or interest that could really enhance the children's learning and we would love to hear from you.

MEET THE TEAM



Name: Jo Ferns

Role: School Business Manager

The best part of the role:

Variety – I can do anything from budget and finance, H&S, HR, IT, GDPR and anything else that comes my way!

Hobbies:

Mainly spending time with my family but I also like to play a bit of golf

Favourite quote:

"Stay true to yourself but always be willing to learn"

Experience:

I've been at Nova Primary for 8 years now – previously I was an HR Manager for Yellow Pages

OTHER NEWS



Contact details for Shine are:

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Shine My Time

Shine try and make sure that there is something for everyone at After School Club, we know not everyone likes sports, so MyTime offers a 'bit of everything'. The Shine staff ensure there is lots to do for the children, they might want to play with Lego, go outside and play in the playground, do some homework, arts and crafts or just sit quietly and read, the choice is theirs.

My Time runs every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday until 4.45pm.

All Shine clubs are here: <https://www.myshine.co.uk/activity/my-time---nova-2>

We hope to see you there!



SHINE MY TIME

**EVERY MONDAY, WEDNESDAY
& THURSDAY**

15:15 - 16:45



- ★ YEAR 2 - YEAR 6
- ★ A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES TO CHOOSE FROM
- ★ BOARD GAMES & PUZZLES
- ★ CONSTRUCTION KITS & LEGO
- ★ ART & CRAFTS
- ★ OUTDOOR FREE PLAY

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