



VICTORIA ROAD PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

03rd October 2025

Thank you so much for your wonderful donations to our Harvest appeal. The children have learnt today about saying thank you for the food we receive and we are very grateful for your generosity.

We can all have times when money is tight and being able to offer food parcels to families during times of difficulty is a real privilege so thank you for making this possible.

If you are ever in need of a food parcel, please just get in touch with one of us and we will gladly help you with this.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

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Across the school, we learn about geography and history each term. Here are the topics we are learning about at the moment and some photos of the children's work. Year R are learning about the world through their continuous provision.

Year 1: Here I am

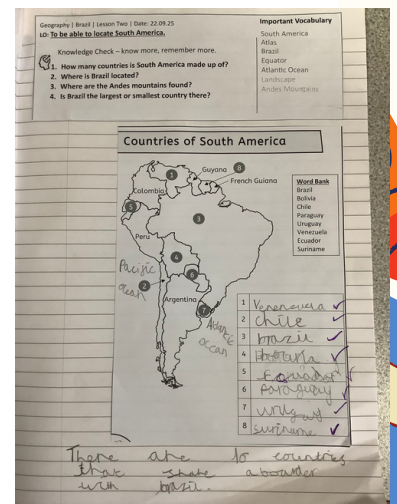
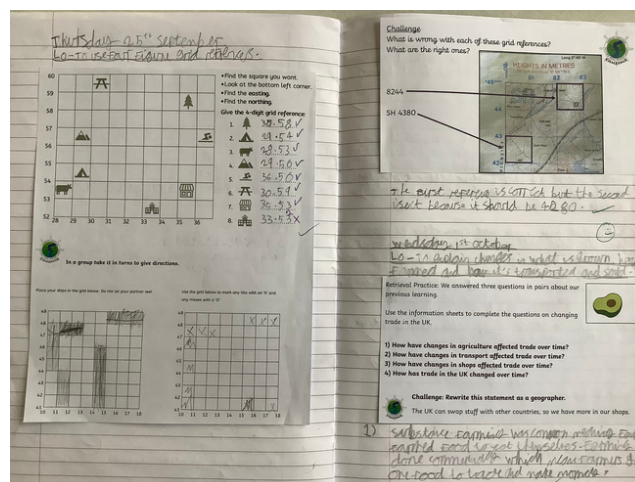
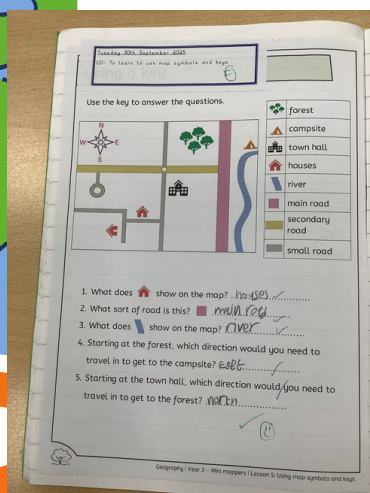
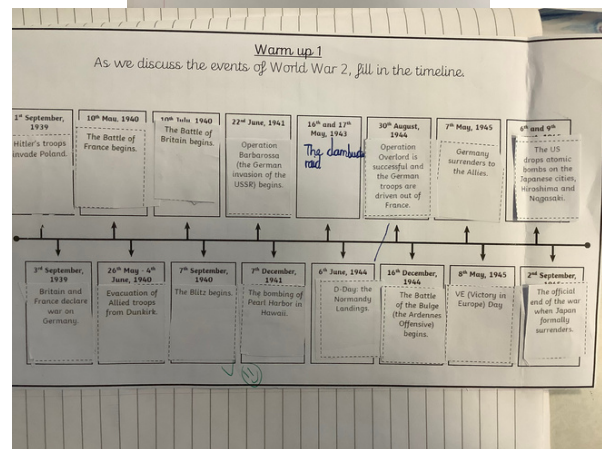
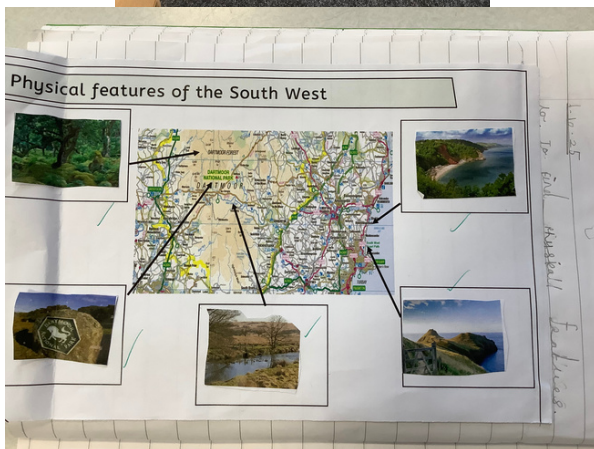
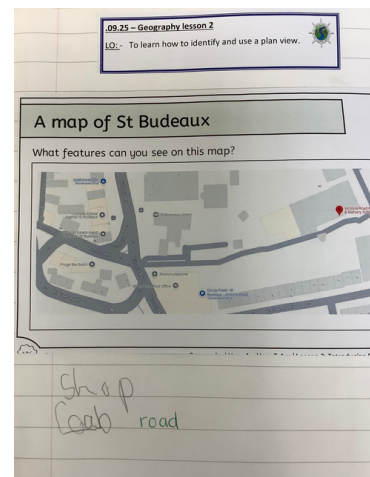
Year 3: The United Kingdom

Year 5: Investigating World Trade

Year 2: Mini Mappers

Year 4: Brazil

Year 6: World War II





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Year 4 and 5 have been swimming this week and, although we can't share photos of them in the swimming pool, they have been coming into school very excited each day and making fantastic progress.

Teachers are learning too! Today, we had a RWInc Development Day where an expert in phonics comes to school and just checks to see if there is anything more we can do to make our teaching of reading even better. Reading is the most important thing that children can learn and is always a partnership between school and home. Reading to your children when they are younger and then listening to them read their books is invaluable in helping them to learn this essential skill.

Parents' evenings will be on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th after school.

These will be live over the weekend to be booked through the Arbor app. Please come in and meet the teacher - you can find out about how your child is getting on in their new year group and we can learn more about them from you.

Attendance today is 96.8% which is brilliant. Our Attendance Policy has been slightly tweaked and is available on our website. We are so proud of the children who have so much progress in their attendance and have been in school every day this year.

Ms C Brake
Headteacher

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FEATURING

YEAR 1



From Miss Green & Miss Riddell

This week we have continued to work hard on our sentence writing and having a big focus on our handwriting.

In maths we have been comparing amounts and using mathematical language of more, fewer and the same.

We have also had lots of fun being Artists, exploring line, mark making and primary colours.



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FEATURING

YEAR FIVE



From Mrs Kirby

Year 5 have had a super busy week with lots of the class going swimming. We have also completed our shared writes and have wowed Mrs Kirby with our writing.

We had great fun on national poetry day reading a poem called Skateboarding by Joseph Coelho, discussing what it was about and our opinions of the poem. We then practised our illustrative art skills by creating a picture to illustrate the poem.



Dates for your diary

Swimming Lessons

Year 4

DAILY from
Monday 06th October 2025

until

Friday 17th October

Please bring:

- Swimsuits/trunks
- Towels

No Bikinis/Shorts
No Trunks below knee.

Nasal Flu

Vaccinations

Online form to be
completed by:
06th October 2025 -
Midday

Vaccination Date:
08th October 2025

**Please contact the
office if you need
another form.**

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Wednesday 15th October
&

Thursday 16th October

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the weekend.



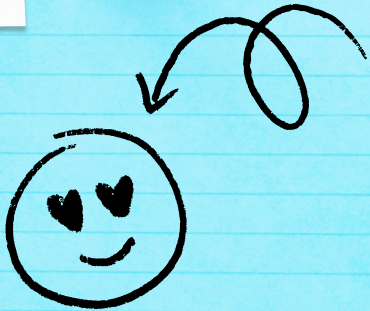
ARBOR



Please ensure all contact details are up to date with the school office and you are checking your outstanding balances.



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WATER BOTTLES

Please send children into school with named refillable water bottles.

Facebook!

We are working on using our social media platforms to get information out to parents, so please find us on Facebook.

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Community Larder

Can be located next to reception window.

Please continue to help yourselves or if you need something you can't see, speak to the office.

Donations also welcome.



Nursery places available now for 2 and 3 year olds!



“Children in the Nursery learn
how to get the most out of their
play” -OFSTED 2023

Victoria Road Primary
and Nursery School

For more information-

Call: 01752 365411

Email: office@victoriaroad.uk



Free School Meals

From 1 April 2025, the way families apply for Free School Meals is changing.

Applications will now be made through the Plymouth Citizen Portal, not via schools or online forms.

Apply here: [Plymouth Citizen Portal](#)
The Citizen Portal allows the Local Authority to contact parents directly via email about their application and eligibility.

What's changing?

- From 1 April 2025, all new applications for Free School Meals will be rechecked.
 - every half term.
- The portal will notify you if your child remains eligible or if eligibility changes after a recheck.

Already receiving Free School Meals?

- If you applied on or before 31 March 2025, your child's eligibility is protected until: the end of their current school phase (Year 6 for primary or Year 11 for secondary).
- No need to reapply until they move to a new school phase (e.g. Year 6 to Year 7).

If you have any questions, please contact:
FreeSchoolMeals2@plymouth.gov.uk