



# The EPICentre of Learning

**Bubbles and Bingo: Save the Date!** We are pleased to announce that there will be an evening of fun, frivolity and fizz in February with our infamous Bubbles and Bingo! More details will follow but for now, save the evening of the 3rd of February in your diaries. Tickets will go on sale towards the end of January.

**World Book Day, advance warning:** World Book Day takes place on Thursday 2nd March and we hope you'll join us as we come together to celebrate our World Book Day in school. Every year on World Book Day we are overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of our school community. We know that this year many families will find themselves in a difficult financial situation - we don't want our celebrations to be an additional burden. Dressing up can be a big part of the celebrations and what families particularly enjoy about World Book Day but this year we would love to challenge you to use what you have at home for your book or character related costume in order to keep down costs and also minimise the impact on the environment. This might mean repurposing a costume you already have, wearing some of your own clothes in the style of a character or using other materials you have to create something. We will have lots of fun activities taking place throughout the day including:

- Reading to them: Stop, drop and read will happen at various points throughout the day.
- Book sharing across year groups: Please send your child's chosen book in with them on the day so they are able to share it with another child.
- World Book Day live events: Children will participate in the virtual events that take place on the day.

At the end of the day, your child will bring home a book token. This can **either** be used as a £1 discount off of any book or can be exchanged for a FREE World Book Day book. Our nearest stockist of these books is Tesco Exe Vale.

**Curriculum letters:** our curriculum letters on the website give an overview of the learning for Y1-Y6 this half term. Please do take a look at these:

Year 1: <https://www.exminster-primary.devon.sch.uk/curriculum/year-one/y1cletters>

Year 2: <https://www.exminster-primary.devon.sch.uk/curriculum/year-two/y2cletters>

Year 3: <https://www.exminster-primary.devon.sch.uk/curriculum/year-three/y3cletters>

Year 4: <https://www.exminster-primary.devon.sch.uk/curriculum/year-four/y4cletters>

Year 5: <https://www.exminster-primary.devon.sch.uk/curriculum/year-five/y5cletters>

Year 6: <https://www.exminster-primary.devon.sch.uk/curriculum/year-six/y6cletters>

**Wednesday 11  
January 2023**

**The week ahead:**

**Dates for the future:**

-See the date's box for maths workshops throughout this term

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb** - Bubbles and Bingo –more details to follow

**HALF TERM 13-17 Feb**

**Thurs 2 Mar** – World Book Day

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**School allotment:** we are looking for a group of parent volunteers to take over the running of the school allotment. This would involve organising parent volunteers to support with maintaining the allotment, deciding with a member of staff on the growing schedule and liaising with a key member of staff. Please email [admin@exminsterschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@exminsterschool.co.uk).

**Maths Fluency Workshops:** in the Spring term, we will be holding parent workshops to support the teaching and learning of maths fluency in your child's year group. The aim of the workshops is to give parents an overview of expectations in this year group and games/activities that could be used to support at home. The workshops will begin with a short parent session, followed by the children joining the session to play games in groups. Year 5 parents can choose which workshop to attend. We understand that not all parents will be able to attend these sessions and will send out the information that is shared in these. – do we want this in this week again?

Year group	Date	Timings
Year 6	Friday 27 Jan	9-9.45am
Year 5A	Friday 3 Feb	
Year 5JW and 5D	Friday 10 Feb	
Year 4	Friday 24 Feb	
Year 3	Friday 3 March	
Year 2	Friday 10 March	
Year 1	Friday 17 March	
Reception	Friday 24 March	

**Spotlight on Learning:** RE in Y3 - Yesterday, Year 3 visited St Martin's Church as part of their RE learning. They were greeted by Reverend John who talked them through the features of the church. The children have been learning The Creation Story in school and were able to tell him all about this. In return, Reverend John told the children The Story of Noah. By the end of the visit, children were able to say that Christians believe God is loving, wise, compassionate and reliable.



History in Y5 - Written by Camilla: Our history lesson last week was really fun because we were learning about the Normans. Our lesson was based on the Norman timeline lasting 88 years. I really enjoyed it because we had to act out what happened after Edward the Confessor died in 1066. Larrisa played Edward Confessor – she did a great job. We were put into teams and were given names of the three people that wanted to become the next King of England - Duke William of Normandy, King Harald Hadrada of Norway and Earl Harold Godwinson of England. Next we had to use the tactics of the person and their team.

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Harold II is immediately crowned King but trouble is lurking. In the north of England, Harald Hadrada of Norway attacks but is defeated by Harold II and his armies. As the battle comes to an end, William Duke of Normandy has sailed from north-west France and landed on English soil without any opposition. Harold II has to march his army south and prepare to fight.

Harold finally arrives and there is a great battle called The Battle of Hastings. William's army plays a trick and pretends to run away after a rumour spreads around that William is dead. However William is not dead, instead he collects his team and orders them to encircle Harold's armies and attack. William is victorious.

Camilla - "It was a useful and exciting way to learn."

Larissa - "I enjoyed playing Edward the Confessor who died in 1066."

Izzy - "Harald was a fun player to play and battle with."

**Let's talk pre-teens-** As a result of the resounding success of the Let's Talk Teenagers programme South Devon and Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership are pleased to offer **FREE** online sessions for parents and carers of **pre-teens** this month.

The Let's Talk program is designed to increase parents' and carers' knowledge of the key risks, whilst giving simple tools and techniques to help them support their child.

As a partnership we acknowledge that parenting can be really difficult, especially in such challenging times. We want to get these resources to as many parents and carers as possible and would be really grateful if you could share this information with your parents and carers.

**Tickets are free and available at [Let's Talk Pre-Teens](#) .**

The topics covered will be:

## **17th January 2023**

- Biology
- Difficult emotions
- Substance misuse

## **24th January 2023**

- Relationships
- Exploitation
- Pornography
- Societal Stereotypes

## **31st January 2023**

- Physical risks
- Safety planning
- Mental health
- Self-care

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**Book plea-** We are having a real surge in popularity of certain books at school at the moment so if you have any books belonging to the following series that you no longer want at home and would like to donate them to the library, please send them into school FAO Mrs Fuller. **We are currently looking for: Dogman, Storey-treehouse stories.** Many thanks!

## WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE EVERY DAY?



Devon Primary SCITT has helped hundreds of people start successful and rewarding careers as Primary School Teachers.

Find out more about the DPSCITT course by joining one of our open evenings (5.00-6.30pm):

Weds 11th Jan: **Exeter** - Trinity Primary School  
Tues 17th Jan: **Ivybridge** - Manor Primary School  
Weds 25th Jan: **Barnstaple** - Roundswell Primary  
Tues 7th Mar: **Online open evening** - via Zoom

Have you considered teaching?

For more details or to book your place, please visit [www.dpscitt.ac.uk](http://www.dpscitt.ac.uk) or call 01392 790 164.



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Devon Primary SCITT has helped hundreds of people begin rewarding careers as Primary School Teachers.

Join our Taster Day at Elburton Primary School in Plymouth to find out about teaching, and training with DPSCITT.

The session is designed to provide opportunities for you to:

- See a Partnership School in action & speak to staff
- Observe teaching and learning in different year groups
- Chat to Trainees about their experiences
- Meet the Course Director and ask individual questions
- Find out how our course works and how trainees are supported by school-based and centre-based staff.

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**Teaching 'Taster' Day**  
**Elburton Primary School, Plymouth**  
Wednesday 8th February 2023  
9.15 - 12.30



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