



# ST LEVAN PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### **31st January - 4th February**

- Global celebration week

### **1st February**

- Minack Shakespeare Festival (Puffins Class)
- Paired Reading training (4pm)

### **2nd February**

- Balanceability, Choughs Class (more information to follow)

### **4th February**

- Little Levans session 1.30pm - 2.30pm

### **11th February**

- Little Levans session 1.30pm - 2.30pm

### **3rd March**

- World Book Day

### **28th March - 1st April**

- E-Safety week

## Friday 28th January 2022

Another fabulous week at St Levan school has flown by with an enormous amount of enjoyment and fun! We are all eagerly looking forward to the next few weeks and the huge variety of activities the school council has planned for our Global Celebrations.

We are really close to finalising our music lessons and I will be sending out a letter to everyone that has signed up for these, on Monday of next week outlining the plans.

Our first governors' meeting for the new year was held this week. It was lovely to try and begin to plan for events that enable our whole school community to gather together in the future - fingers crossed!

Have a wonderful weekend,

**Mr Mark Francis - Head Teacher**

## Student Council Update

Student Council have held two meetings so far. At meeting one, we talked about the St Levan Global Celebration which begins next week. We came up with ideas and asked what everyone in the school what they thought we should focus on. One of the main ideas was that we want to try different global foods! At the second meeting, we thought of ways we could improve the school and wanted to help everyone remember to flush the loo! We will be doing a presentation about this in today's assembly.

## Attendance

Unfortunately we have had a few bouts of illness this week but please be mindful that good attendance is vital for learning for all of our children. The national minimum expectation is set at 96%. Please help us achieve this on a daily basis and support your child's learning.

<b>Choughs</b>	<b>93%</b>
<b>Puffins</b>	<b>94%</b>
<b>Whole school</b>	<b>94%</b>



## *Shining Stars of the Week*

*Sorrel Puffins*

*For being so positive about everything we do and being such a supportive friend to all. Well done Sorrel - you really do shine!*

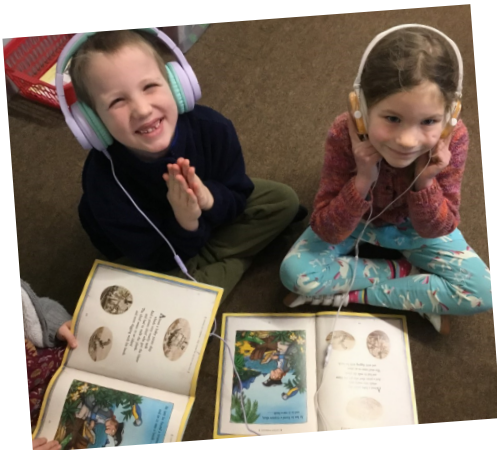
*Oliver Choughs*

*For finding something difficult but sticking at it and enjoying success in the end. Amazing perseverance!*



## Choughs Class

Here's what we've been up to in Reading lessons this week:



On the CD player, we've been listening to Charlie Cook's Favourite Book.



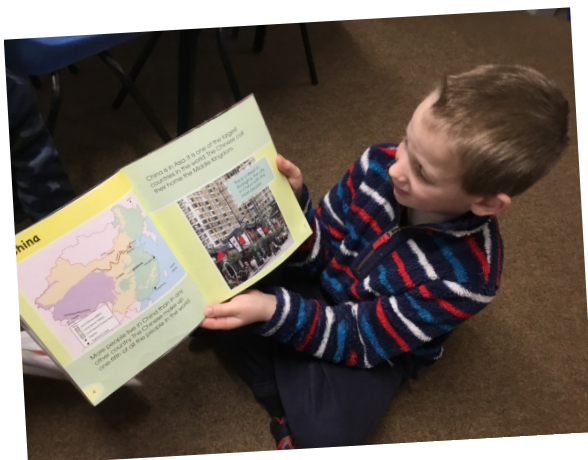
The Reception children enjoying a game of 'Fred Says'. "F-r-e-d says j-u-m-p." Great blending!



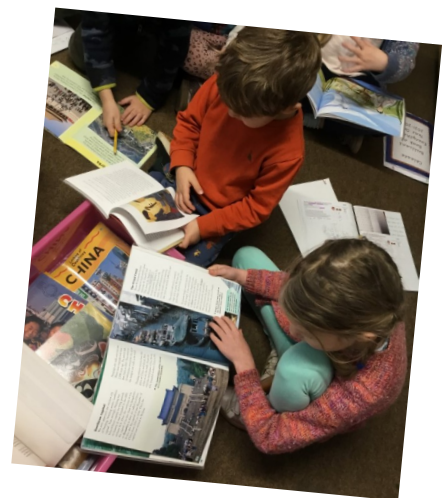
Super partner work in our Read Write Inc reading time. One partner points and one reads, then we swap.



We enjoyed reading our own choice of books from the Choughs Class Library too.



We have borrowed some books about China from the Education Library Service. We read some of these together and learned some exciting facts!





## **Mixing and Matching a Monet in Puffins!**

Puffins were given the primary colours in two shades each along with a little white and asked to mix all the colours needed for a Monet. They did a fantastic job and showed incredible focus and determination.

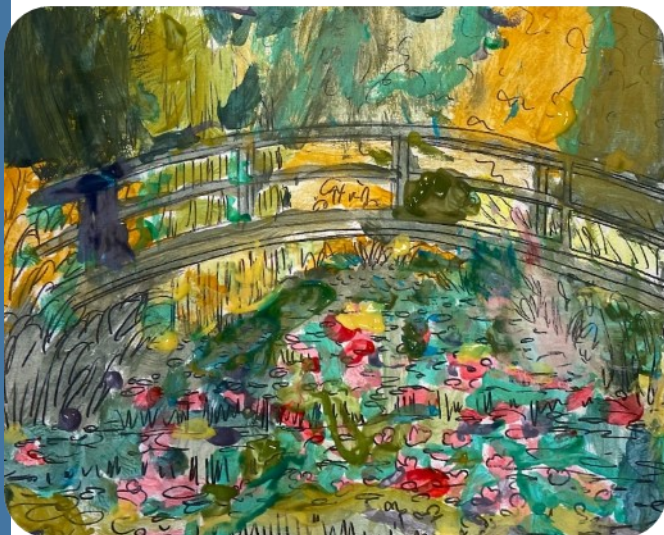






Some of the finished pieces:

The original:





## OS Map Masters

Puffins have also been learning about OS maps and how to interpret them.



"We had three sections of the River Thames (one of the longest rivers in the UK) and had to use what we knew about the features of rivers to put them in order. Next, we had to use grid referencing and a Legend to help us identify points of interest. Some of us got to grips with scale, measuring the width of the river and different points. We are getting to know the symbols now."

We will hopefully put more of our map reading skills to use next week at the beach!



## **Global Celebration at St Levan!**

St Levan will be celebrating and experiencing cultures from around the world to learn about diversity and inclusion. We have a number of ideas planned so our children can enjoy many different experiences.

Chinese New Year is Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of February and Josh will be coming in to choreograph a dragon dance with Choughs,  
Choughs will also role play a trip to China, complete with baggage check-in,  
Chinese food and their dragon dance around the school,  
They will be retelling the Chinese New Year story and finding out about the character traits of each animal in the Chinese Zodiac,  
The whole school will be cooking a traditional Asian pudding to try...  
Josh will be working with Puffins where they will be learning about the history of Capoeira and its importance to the people who developed it,  
They will be trying foods from around the world,  
Puffins will be finding out about the importance of water to different cultures,  
Daya will be visiting us on Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> of February where we will learn about Sikhism. We will try on clothing and learn dances,  
They will also consider what our own school culture means in modern day society,  
Paula will be telling us about her experiences of Australia and aboriginal culture,  
We will be exploring different music and art from around the world,  
Mr Francis will be organising experiences with the Nepali, Maori, Celtic and Cornish cultures.

## Reading newsletter



Research shows that children of all ages who read for pleasure perform better in all subjects. Reading for pleasure also builds empathy, improves wellbeing and has a dramatic impact on life outcomes.

We aim for every child to leave St Levan with a love of reading. This newsletter lets you know about a few of the ways we're celebrating reading over the coming weeks.



### World Book Day

It will soon be World Book Day when our whole school community will be celebrating our love of reading. World Book Day is on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. Over the coming weeks, there are a number of reading themed events. The first of these is next week.

### Paired Reading

The Educational Psychology Service are offering training to school staff and parents on the 'Paired Reading' approach. Staff will be using this in school to support children's reading so it would be amazing if as many parents as possible could also attend. Then, we're all coming from the same place when we read with children. Here's some more information:

*Paired reading is a useful, evidence based technique for adults to teach children to read. The technique complements teaching at school and aims to increase a child's desire to read in a fun and collaborative way that they enjoy. During Paired Reading, the adult and child read together from a shared text, at the same time. The child is in control during Paired Reading and has the opportunity to read alone if and when they feel comfortable and confident enough to do so, which is signalled using a physical prompt. There is also a specific verbal response for word correction, the technique does not focus on phonics or sounding out words. Paired Reading is a specific name for a specific technique, it is not reading to each other within a pair and it must follow a number of simple key principles.*



**Date: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 4pm - 5pm**

*There is a link attached to this week's bulletin email which you can click to join the meeting.*



### Raising a Reader

This session from Dandelion Learning is aimed at parents. It will explore practical tips on how to help your child to foster a love of reading. This 45 minute session is free to all parents who have children at primary school and is online.

Choice of dates and times:

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 7pm - 7.45pm**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 7pm - 7.45pm**

Visit this link to book:

<https://www.dandelionlearning.co.uk/raising-a-reader-top-tips-for-parents-to-foster-a-love-of-reading-free-training/>







### Readathon

Finally, our school are going to be taking part in a sponsored 'Readathon' in the run up to World Book Day. We will be launching this event on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February**. The Readathon involves getting sponsored to read as many books as possible in order to raise money for charity. More details on this to follow soon!

### Reading at St Levan

Here's what we've been up to recently in reading....



### Book recommendations

Mrs Williams has fond memories of reading the 'Silver Brumby' book series as a child. She brought her original books in to school to show Sadie, also a fan. These books are a great read for anyone who loves books about animals. Here's what they had to say about them:

*"I find them really interesting because it feels real and it's funny how it's something a horse would actually do."* – Sadie

*"These were my favourite books as a child and I read them and read them and read them. I'm re-reading them now and find the artwork so emotive. They're brilliant books."* – Mrs Williams

