

Curnow School



Newsletter

October/November 2023

Well, already we are into our second half term with so much happening and going on across the school. Post 16 are accessing a range of off site activities and learning including sailing at Trevassack Lake near Helston, bowling at Redruth bowls club and more recently have started a fitness session at Carn Brea leisure centre. It is really important as the children and young people move through the school we start to widen their experiences outside of school and into the local community. We are also looking at how we can 'enrich' our curriculum offer within school through activity weeks to promote creative subjects and the setting up of clubs to support pupils interests and talents. Exciting times!

Dates for your diary!

Saturday 2nd December

Christmas Fayre 10-1pm

Lower School

8th December—Church Service

Thursday 14th December—Eden and Sowenna Christmas Get Together

Monday 18th December—Sennen, Crofty and Tehidy Christmas Get Together

Upper School

Wednesday 13th December—Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 19th December—Christmas sing-a-long

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Lower School News



This month we are hearing from Tehidy class! We take every opportunity for learning inside and outside! Here we are exploring working on our fine and gross motor skills through our play and learning activities.



We enjoy lots of outdoor learning whatever the weather. We have been focusing on becoming more confident, developing our balance and coordination skills using the equipment outside. The adults help us and the children are loving sharing the space with their new friends.



Lower School News



We visited our Illogan EYFS playground, exploring the space, playing in the mud kitchen and watering the flowers.

Lots of new equipment for us to explore and with our adults helping becoming more confident in trying something new!



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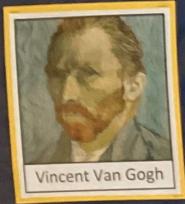
Here we are enjoying some fine motor activities. We are using activities within our play, painting clouds within our weather themed topic and have lots of sensory based activities. A variety of experiences meeting the interest of our children



Upper School News



This month at Upper School we are hearing from our resident artists in Mylor class! We have been learning about Van Gogh with Jenna, but we have also been interested in other artists as this was one of the things we learned about through Picture News. This has led to us creating our own masterpieces which are brightening up the corridors! This is our Van Gogh display.



Vincent Van Gogh



Mylor Class have been learning about the Dutch artist Vincent Van Gogh. They have created their own pictures of one of his most famous still life works called 'Sunflowers'. Not many people know that he actually painted seven pictures of sunflowers! The colour yellow symbolised 'happiness' for Vincent Van Gogh and we hope that our 'sunflower' pictures make you feel happy when you look at them!



Edward



Iyla



Zora



Jenna



Alex



Wive



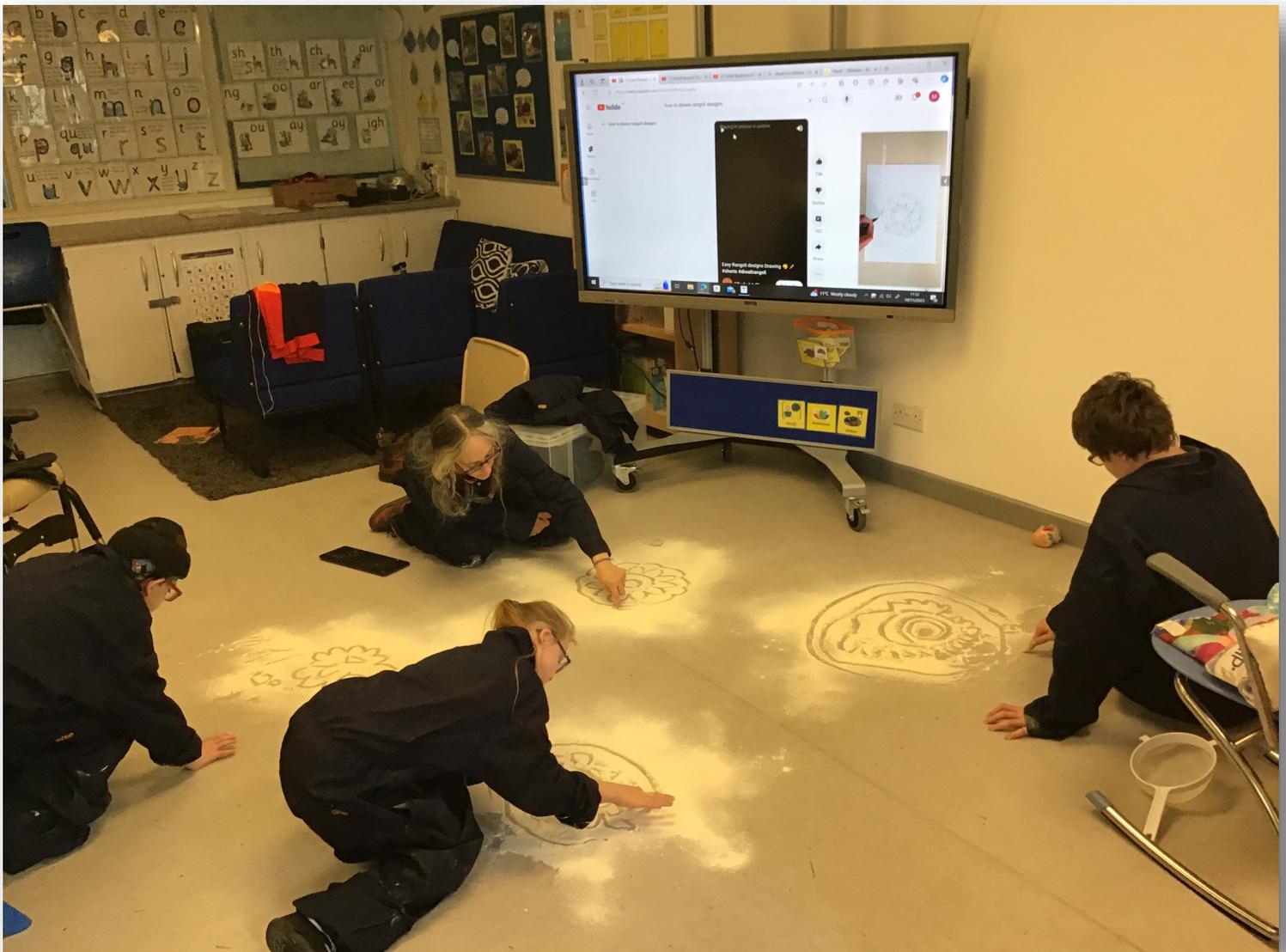
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Upper School News



We created our own individual pictures of Van Gogh's 'The Starry Night' painting using pastels and swirling patterns. We saw the same techniques used by other artists but different media such as watercolours, acrylic paints and pencils.

We made Rangoli patterns for the Diwali celebrations using our fingers to create swirls in oats and flour.



Upper School News



In our Picture News session we learned about Gustav Klimt. He painted 'The Lady with the Fan'.

We learned that it sold for £85.3 million, the most expensive piece of art ever sold in Europe! We were astounded!



We talked about how it made us feel, some of us felt surprised, others felt angry! We were all able to say which of his paintings we liked.



December Special!



Makaton Advent Calendar						
Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1st Snowman	2nd Christmas Tree	3rd Sleigh	4th Finger spell 'F', circles clockwise in front of body Family	5th Stars	6th Happy	7th Bells
8th Pudding	9th Winter	10th Right middle finger touches centre of other palm, repeat with left hand Jesus	11th Movement of hands show antler size Reindeer	12h Holiday	13th Presents	14th Mime pulling bell rope Church
15th Flat hands flap down and up at wrists Donkey	16th Mime two movements on the spot Stable	17th Candles	18th Hands make slight flutter movements Angel	19th Stroke beard King	20th Cake	21st Touch chest Robin
22nd Waggle thumb & 2 fingers under chin Turkey	23rd Whole formation circles neck Toys	24th Sleep	25th Christmas Day 		Father Christmas Stroke long beard 	

Look out on the Website for our own version of the Makaton Advent Calendar where the children and staff will signing each days entry!

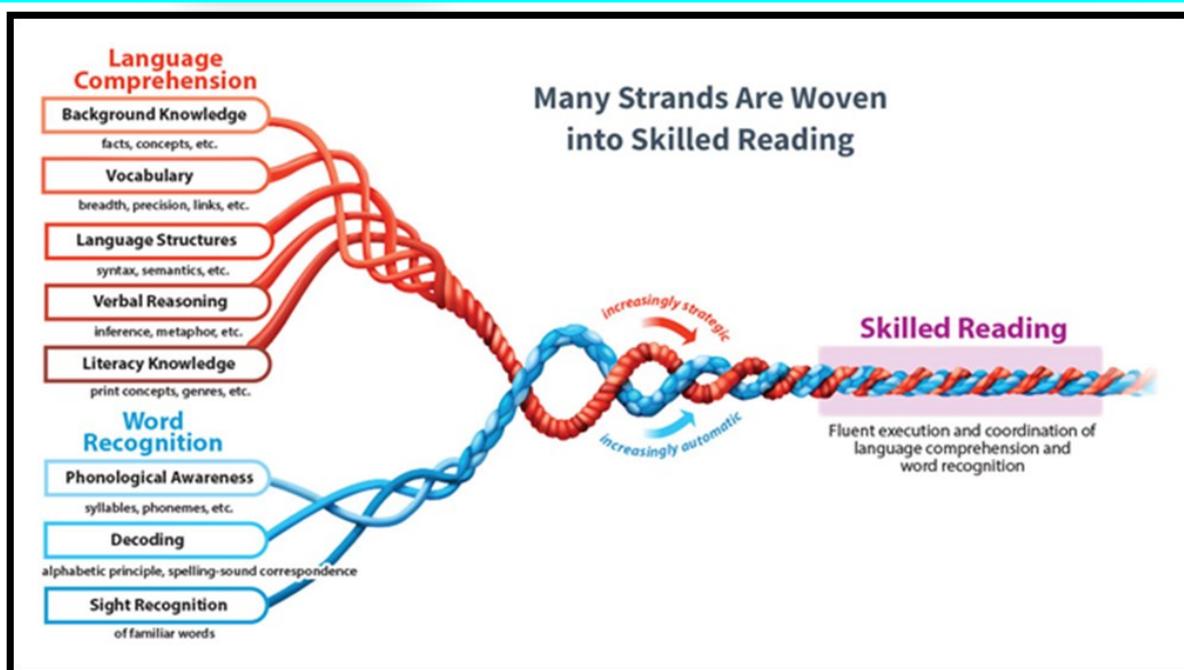
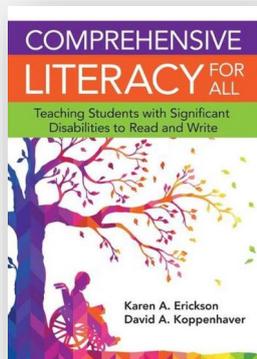
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School focus—Reading



Our School Offer

We are extremely proud of our school reading offer, which includes the teaching of phonics across the school. Our offer is split into 3 strands for reading and phonics and this determines the teaching methods for each individual pupil. It is based on the research outlined in the book 'Comprehensive Literacy for All' and we use a phonics scheme that is specifically designed for pupils with Special Educational Needs—'Phonics for Pupils with SEN'.



We use the reading rope to inform the elements that we teach to support our pupils to be the best readers that they can be. Along with phonics pupils will learn about books, story and other text types. We will teach them how to use their reading (and writing) in functional ways and for pleasure.

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What can you do at home to support your child's reading development?

- **Share books and model 'being a reader'.**

This does not mean that you have to wait for a moment to read or share a whole book. This could be reading a shopping list, reading labels, sharing a few pages of a book or an audio book at dinner time. Any access to books, story or language rich activities will have a good effect and support concentration and reading development.

- **Point out words as you read.**

This is the way that your child will start to understand that print has meaning. This can be done when walking, point to road names, when in a café, share the menu, looking at a leaflet to choose a film. We know that for some of our pupils their attention span is short, this is why we maximise all opportunities to teach.

- **Give meaning to their communication when you share a book.**

When your child makes a noise, notices a part of a picture, points to a page, give this a meaning. For example, if you are reading a book with pictures of cars and your child makes a vocal sound you could say 'it sounded like you were making the sound that the car makes', while pointing to the word 'broom'. This models that we can talk about books and print has meaning.



Above all enjoy your shared reading. There are so many lovely books to enjoy, your class teacher will always be willing to send books home if you would like a change, though sharing the same book over and over is just as valuable!

Claire's Trip!



Over the Summer our lovely Claire who supports in Eden went on an amazing adventure to Swaziland



Story

In August this year I fulfilled my lifelong dream to go on a Christian mission trip and travelled to Swaziland with my husband, Neil for 2 weeks with Challenge Missionaries, an organisation helping people in Swaziland to support and help their communities grow. We went with a team of 6. We spent our first week visiting In Community by Community (ICBC) villages, spending time with the children in the pre schools, learning about god, singing songs and playing games. We visited a village called Lavumisa where we slept under the star which was magical! We visited a women's refuge and the wonderful potters wheel church in Mbabane. This is where the outreach started by a Swazi couple helping the orphans of Swaziland. We went to a town called Belumbu, in an orphanage with 300 children. I worked with children aged 6-7 in their school. We painted buildings helped the ladies who made crafts to sell, took part in their sports day and met such a wonderful dedicated team whom looked after the children. The children were so happy, well rounded and well cared for. It was very humbling and an experience that has changed me forever! I wanted to share my amazing experience, we shall be going back! If you would like more information about this amazing charity, please see their website : <https://www.cmswazi.org.uk/>



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**Parent Support and Education
Workshops:
Introduction to Sensory Processing
June 7th and 14th 2024
Old School Centre, Nance Lane
Illogan
10.00am - 1.30pm**

In order to attend this workshop you will need to be available for both days and complete an eligibility questionnaire.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parent-support-and-education-workshops-introduction-to-sensory-processing-tickets-715441222957?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Free event being held right next door to Lower School! This course still has some places, registration requires completion of a questionnaire, please find details and booking information on the Eventbrite link.

It was a bit difficult to find on the site, if you move the map to hover over Redruth area and ask it to search the area the course will come up. Heartlands event is already full.



Curnow School Christmas Fayre

Saturday 02 December 2023
10am – 1pm

At Curnow Upper School,
Drump Road, Redruth, TR15 1LU

 Refreshments, raffles,
toys, tombolas, hand-made
crafts, Father Christmas
and much more

Please come along with
your friends and family
for some festive fun!
Everyone welcome

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