



Henleaze Infant School

'Be kind, be curious, be you'

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Headteacher update:

"The limits of my language means the limits of my world."? Ludwig Wittgenstein

Oracy, and the value of talk to support children to make sense of new ideas, has always been central to our curriculum. In the past few years we have followed the research evidence in developing the planned vocabulary that we want children to know and understand in each subject area. During our INSET today, staff at our school and the junior school have been reflecting on further developing vocabulary teaching strategies to 'unlock' some of the more challenging subject-specific words that children need to understand in ways that capitalise on their curiosity and word play. Children enjoy spotting patterns through looking at root words, antonyms (opposites) or words that sound similar and can increase their understanding through examples of the word in different contexts.

Coming up:

Year 2 trip to Caldicott castle

Year 1 Trip to Westonbirt Arboretum

Phonics 'learn-a-longs'



[Click below for the school calendar](#)



The Autumn Extravaganza Team would welcome donations of pre-loved fancy dress (ages 2-8) and small (party bag sized or smaller) toys for the lucky dip. There is now a labelled box in the infant school reception to collect donations or you can donate in person at pick up on Monday 7th October in the infant school playground.

Please sign up to help on the day. Stalls are now nominally allocated to classes and there is more information regarding what each slot entails on the sign up. Thank you from the Autumn Extravaganza Team! We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 12th October at this first FHIS event of the year

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4EAEAD22A0FAC52-51732369-autumnextravaganza>

Sycamore: car racing
Willow: welly throw
Maple: football shootout and kitchen
Cherry: pumpkin throw
Daffodil: lucky dip and kitchen
Buttercup: arts and crafts
Daisy: glitter

For instance:

Etymology and **morphology** for explicit instruction

Prefix / Suffix / Root	Meaning	Examples
vore	devour, eat	carnivore, herbivore, omnivore, voracious
carn	flesh, meat	carnivore, carnivorous
herb	plant, grass	herbivore, herbal
omni	all, every	omnivore, omnipresent

When reading to your child, or if you come across some new vocabulary whist out and about or watching TV, take time to explore the word and find ways to (playfully) help them unlock the meaning.

Teacher also had a lively session learning about a new PE curriculum we are adopting. Following a successful trial and on the recommendation of HJS, we are moving to follow 'Get Set 4 PE' which we believe offers more active teaching sessions than our current curriculum as well as improved application to sport. we hope that you'll hear some positive feedback from your child following this change.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Kind Regards,

Gemma Fricker

Photos and information about what has been happening in classes, the learning plans as well as important messages from teachers are all found in the class blogs ([click below](#))

HENLEAZE COMMUNITY FIREWORKS WILL BE ON SALE AT THE AUTUMN EXTRAVAGANZA!

Click [here](#) for more news on the FHIS webpage:



Important Messages:

Staff Carpark:

It has been noticed that parents dropping off or collecting from clubs at the start and end of the day are using the staff carpark. This is staff only (unless you are a Blue badge holder) for the safety of the children who frequently cross the carpark at these busy times, but also as space is limited for staff. Please park considerately outside of the school gates.

Use of school playground equipment:

Our Trust Health and Safety team have asked all schools to share the following messages which reiterates our recent school message about use of school grounds. This is particularly pertinent with upcoming FHIS events in our playground which we want everyone to enjoy safely.

Prior to commencement of the school day, and after the school day concludes, the playground equipment located adjacent to the school is not supervised by school staff and as such, the school is not liable for any injuries sustained by pupils on said equipment.

Family event-Santas on the run:

In support of the South West Ambulance Service on 8th December. See attached flyer.

To book breakfast club, after school club or sports enrichment click [here](#). To see more enrichment opportunities visit our [extra-curricular clubs page](#).

Breakfast Club

Weekdays 8.00am – 8.45am



Schools Out Henleaze

