



Mount Tamar  
Aspire - Adventure - Achieve



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2019

# The Tamar Weekly



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# A word from the Headteacher...

Welcome back after the half term holiday. This has been another great week where I have seen some amazing learning activities going on around all of our Mount Tamar sites. Our new Seymour site is looking great with the students being really proud of having such a great venue.

We are concentrating on being '**Ready**' for learning by having the correct uniform on, a couple of students have started to wear hoodies. As you know we do not allow this at all therefore you will be asked to collect the hoodies from the reception. The pupils are all '**Respecting**' each other during our Kindness week. This leads on from the work we are doing on Anti Bullying and being kind for Children in Need.

Four students are heading off to London for the England football match on Thursday, I hope that they have a great time.

As always please do come to school or telephone us if you have any questions about what we are doing. To keep up to date with all that is happening please see our Facebook pages where there were plenty of fireworks going off!

## Dates for your Diary

**Friday 15th November**- Children in Need Day - pupils are invited to come into school dressed in an Adventurer theme - this is in keeping with our school ethos and values

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Children in Need

Friday 15th November

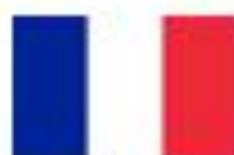
11SS are serving "Breakfast across the World"

Tickets 50p from Tutors (for one of everything on the menu)

### Menu



Britain - small bacon roll



France - pain au chocolate



Spain - Spanish omelette



Germany - German sausage & bread



Danish - Danish pastries

In Canteen, this will replace normal breakfast! Thanks to Angie.



# Parent/ Teacher Quiz Night

Friday 15th November

6:30pm-8:30pm

Tickets £3 each- pay  
on the night

Please email or call  
365128 to book your  
place

# After School Clubs

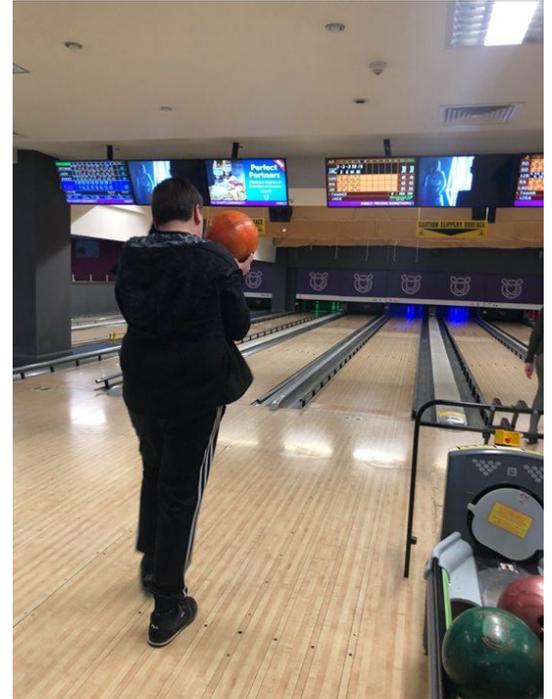
## Term 1

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Yoga (Kerrie P)	Fitness Club (Simon P & Chey)	Drama (Claire Q & Cassie L)	Multi Skills (Gary M and Sam L)
Pupil Voice/ Cooking (Emma W & Jen B)	Forest Skills (Jody S & Martin W)	Rounders (Sian S)	
Photography (Mandy C & Hayley S)			
Climbing Club (Tom T & Marcus)			



# October Holiday Clubs

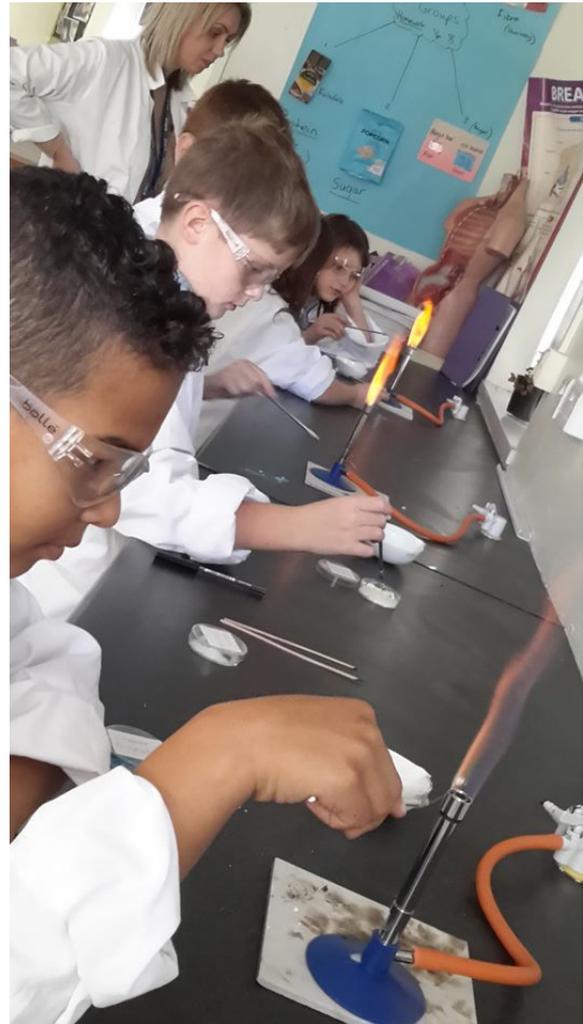
The Holiday Clubs which ran over the October half term proved popular- here are some photos of the activities which the pupils participated in, it looks like they had great fun!



# Science Lessons

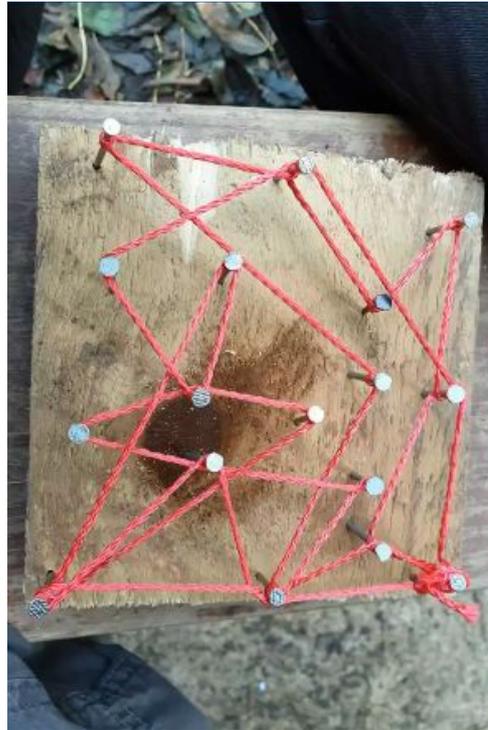
An exciting day to return to school on the 5th November!  
Mrs Storry lead the way with Science lessons this week based around firework and safety around using them.

Class GM investigated the colours of metal compounds. Jayden enjoyed the copper sulphate flame test and seeing the lovely green colour!



# Forest School

In forest school this week the pupils practiced their fine motor skills by making nail art. Bailey was excellent in his role as a peer mentor for the group!



# Class JB

Class JB have had an exciting week of activities, they have been letterboxing on Dartmoor and have also had a climbing session. Even Buddy the dog got in on the action!



# Mint and Cola Experiment

In science, Harvey experimented what happens when you put a mento mint into a bottle of cola!



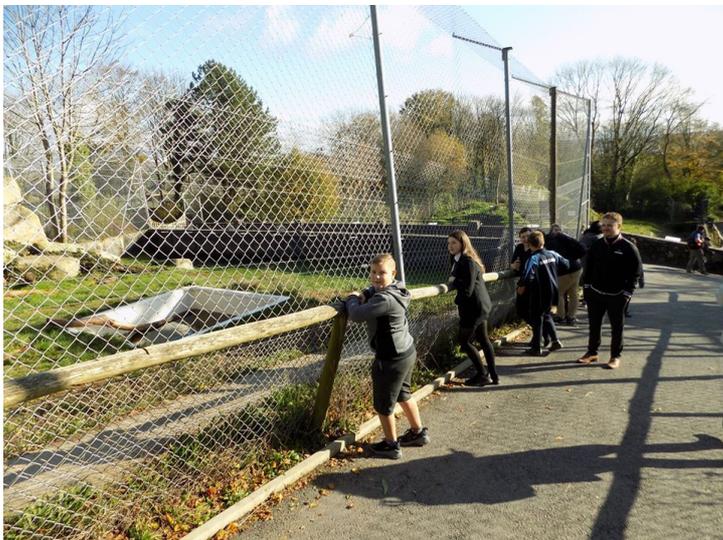
# TST Visit

At TST one of our young people started on his first module and was given his own outside classroom! Our student achieved so much in one day and accomplished three builds towards his module! Bird house, insect house and bush house shelter.



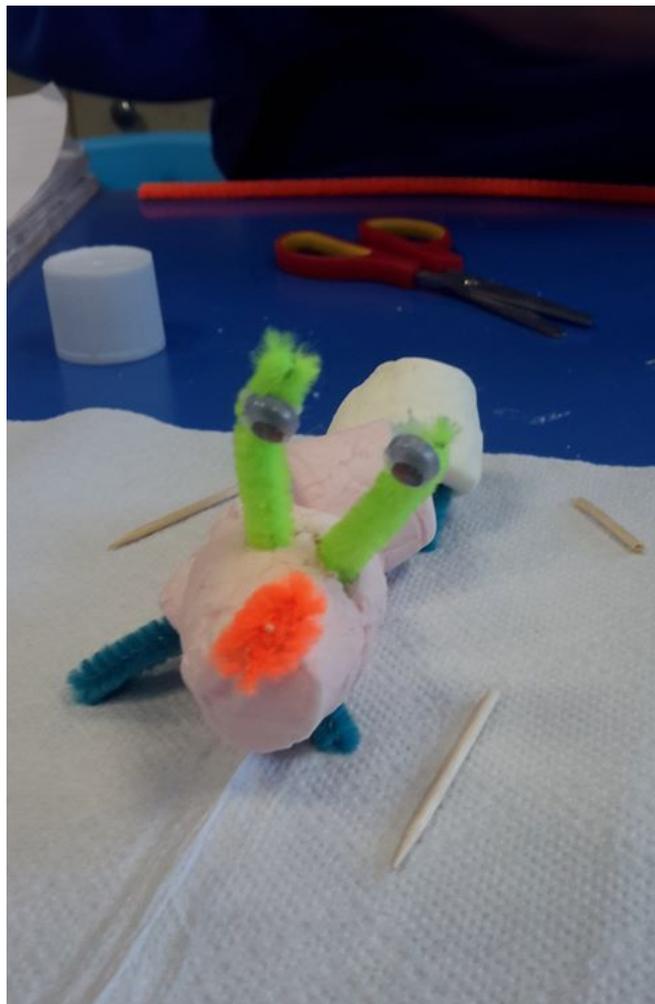
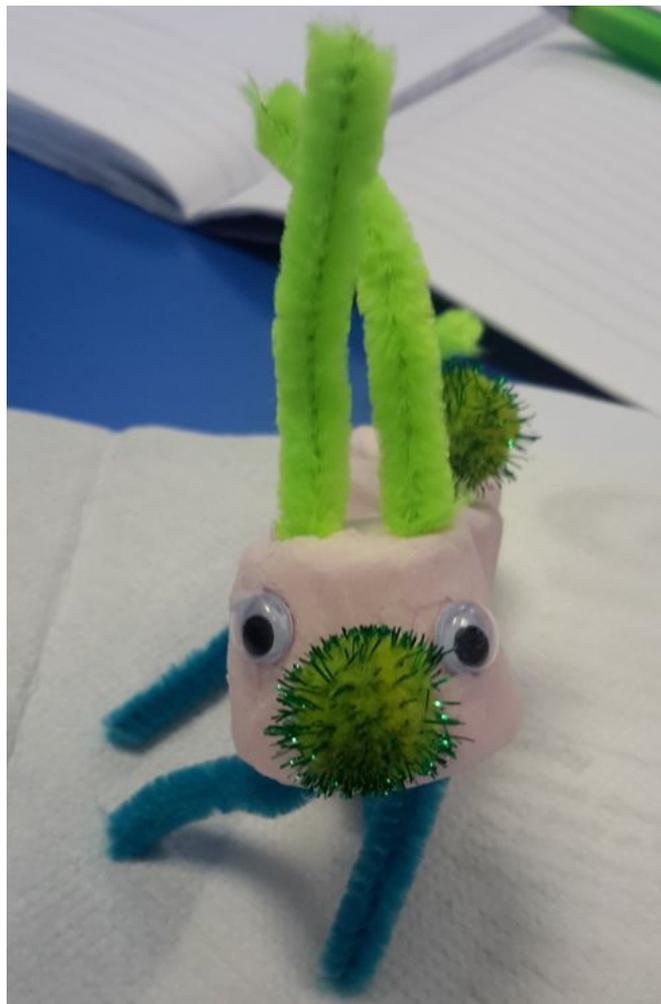
# EW Class Dartmoor Zoo

Class EW used the good weather this week for a visit to Dartmoor Zoo as part of their Adventure Studies lesson. The animals were happy to show their faces in the sunshine!



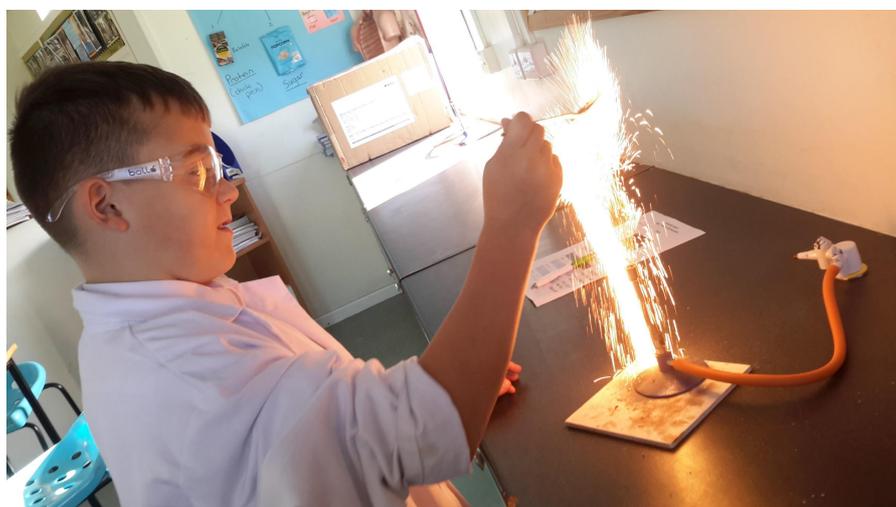
# Pipe Cleaner Sculptures

Pipe cleaner sculpture in the science lab this week!



# Science- Fireworks

Students have been safely making sparkle fountain fireworks with iron powder this week in science.



# Term Dates 2019/2020



## Autumn Holidays

Start day of term: 20th December 2019  
Start day back to school: 6th January 2020

## Spring Half Term

Start day of term: 14th February 2020  
Start day back to school: 24th February 2020

## Summer Holidays

Start day of term: 27th March 2020  
Start day back to school: 14th April 2020

## Bank Holiday

The early **May bank holiday** in 2020 will move from Monday 4 **May** to Friday 8 **May** to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day which takes place on 8 **May**,

## Summer Term

Start day of term: 22nd May 2020  
Start day back to school: 1st June 2020

## Autumn Holiday

Start day of term: 24th July 2020

# Coffee Morning for Parents & Carers



**Next coffee morning dates:  
10am-12pm**

**21st November  
5th December  
19th December**

**Please come along to this informal  
get together. It's a lovely opportunity  
to meet other parents and carers.**

# Parent & Carers Time

Here are some fab pictures of the last four weeks that we have had at the “Healthy Eating on a Budget” sessions, here on the main site.

The parents enjoyed making: -

*Lasagne*

*Meringue Nests with Fruit*

*Home made Burgers*

*Potato Wedges*

*Fishcakes*

*Tomato Salsa*

*Vegetarian Curry*

*Pancakes*

*Rice Pudding*

These sessions were a real success and I would like to thank the parents that took part for their positivity and enthusiasm. To hear that you have been cooking healthy meals at home for your children is simply wonderful!

These sessions will continue after half term and will be run by the parents themselves, which is absolutely brilliant. Anyone is welcome, should you wish to join in.

Kind Regards, Hayley



# Cooking at Home

It was lovely to receive these photographs over the half term of some cooking that a parent and child did, following on from our Healthy Eating on a Budget Course, well done Gemma and Harvey.

Hayley Lee- Parent Support Advisor





## Mount Tamar Diploma with Parents & Carers

At Mount Tamar School, we are very keen to ensure that all parents and carers feel fully informed regarding everything about us as a school. We are also very aware that there is a real need for us as a school, to be fully informed about your child.

As such, we have set up a Course for Parents as follows: -

**Starting Thursday 7th November 12 pm to 2 pm- for 5 weeks.**

**Week 1 Thursday 7th November 12 pm until 2 pm—What is available to me as a parent/carer of a child at Mount Tamar School.** *Tour of school. Information given to parents and carers about School trips, holiday clubs, coffee mornings, reports, parents evenings etc. Details of School uniform, Therapy Team, sample report & talk about working together in partnership with families.*

**Week 2— Understanding Additional Needs.** *A talk from our SENCO Kim Wentworth— understanding my child's EHCP and the importance of EHCP reviews. Details of our Aspire Centres from Kim Wentworth. A talk from our Therapist Pip Fields—Therapeutic support in the classroom. Sandra Bryant—Family Support Worker to talk about help and support available with CAMHS and CDC.*

**Week 3— Behaviour and Environment Management.** *A demonstration from one of our teachers Claire Ritchie, using TEACCH method in school. How we manage your child's day, in their school environment. Chey Bryce to explain how we use "Pivotal" in school. School manager, Jackey Cook to talk about behaviour strategies.*

**Week 4—The School Curriculum—***A presentation from our teacher Emma Wilton about the curriculum at Mount Tamar, with a Questions and Answers session. A Science demonstration from our Head of Science Sian Storry including an experiment with participation. A visit to the Forest School, with a guided tour from our Forest School teacher—Jody Stevens.*

**Week 5—Celebration Event.** *Post 16 opportunities—details given by Pete Wentworth, together with details of school partnerships. Recap of previous four weeks. Gather feedback and parents perception of Mount Tamar School—how we will work in partnership with parents to ensure that their child's needs are met. Present Certificates.*



# SEND Newsletter

At Plymouth Information, Advice and Support for SEND we regularly receive lots of useful and interesting information that is highly relevant to parents. For each school holiday we put this information together and publish here as a newsletter called **Activities and Events for SEND** and advise our mailing list of this.

The latest edition of our newsletter can be downloaded below.

Information in the mailing includes:

- Participation opportunities
- Local activities and events
- Parent groups and coffee mornings
- Surveys and consultations
- Workshops
- and much more!

[SEND Newsletter: October 2019](#) (PDF – 9.6MB)

[www.plymouthias.org.uk/information-support/send-newsletter](http://www.plymouthias.org.uk/information-support/send-newsletter)





## **EHC Plan Masterclass**

IPSEA will be offering two training days in Education, Health and Care Plans on Friday 15 and Friday 22 November 2019 from 10am-3.30pm each day.

Bookings can be made through the following links:

- [Plymouth: EHC Plan Masterclass – Day 1 – Obtaining a plan](#)
- [Plymouth: EHC Plan Masterclass – Day 2 – Existing plans](#)

If you have any queries regarding these training days please contact James Odell, Training Coordinator on 01799 582030 or email: [training@ipsea.org.uk](mailto:training@ipsea.org.uk)

These events will be held at: Plymouth Information Advice and Support for SEND , Cutting Healthy Living Centre, Scott Business Park , Beacon Park Road, Plymouth , PL2 2PQ



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## Free Home Safety Visits

Dear Parents and Carers,

You are eligible for a FREE Home Safety Visit and it's easy to arrange.

### What is a 'Home Safety Visit?'

- It's a FREE visit from a trained technician who will advise on any fire or safety risks in the home.
- FREE equipment may be provided. This can include: smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, extension leads, fire retardant bedding, smoke alarm testers and more.
- It's a FREE advice service: Our technicians are trained to look for risks that you may not have thought of.
- It's available to any household with children.
- We will discuss electrical safety including the safe charging of phones and tablets.
- We will identify and advise on fire safety risks such as overloaded sockets to help prevent the chance of a fire starting in your home.
- We will discuss an escape plan for you and your family.

**We want to help to keep your family safe from fire.**

Contact us by phone or  
email:

Quote code 401

*Make the call!*  
**0800 05 02 999**  
**firekills@dsfire.gov.uk**



# Autism and disability friendly Games and Movie Night



Devonport Park Activity Centre



**FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 14+**

Take part playing your favourite board games or relax in our quiet cinema space. we will supply a variety of films, food and juice.

You are welcome to bring games from home to share with others.

**£5 per session 2nd Friday of every month**

**Contact: 01752 856719 for more information.**

