

4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Families,

What a welcome relief it has been to welcome February and note how the mornings are beginning to become lighter. It has been great to see the children so excited about Number Day and thank you for supporting them with their costumes. Please see below for some further events we will be having over the next few weeks.

### **Director of Education visit**

This week, we welcomed our Director of Education, Mrs Bone, into school. It was a privilege to take her around the school to drop in on lessons covering a range of subjects. Year 1 were thinking about pitch in their music lessons with Mr Jones whilst Year 1 were exploring melting in a science experiment. The children were so inquisitive about how long it would take the ice to melt when a different substance was added and were making predictions. Finally, we looked at Year 6 geography who were discussing Fair Trade and looking at the journey of the banana. The children were quite shocked to see how much money the actual workers earn against the retailers who sell them,

### **Picture News**

Each week during our class act of worship, the children engage with Picture News. As part of these sessions, the children have the opportunity to consider key events from the news and explore different opinions of people around the world. There is a Big Question that the children discuss and voice their opinions about. Picture News compliments our RHE curriculum, our British Values, and closely links to our Christian ethos and vision within the school. To allow the conversation to continue at home, resources are posted within Google Classroom every week for you and your children to engage with. This week the focus has been celebrations.



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## FLOURISHING FUTURES

## National Storytelling Week



Our KS1 children thoroughly enjoyed listening to Mrs Cooke, our Trust Reading Lead, reading the story Once Upon a Dragon's fire as part of National Storytelling week. The children loved being able to share this experience with lots of children from across our Trust. It was a fantastic opportunity to be immersed in the world of reading and fantasy as well as connect with children from outside of Torquay through our network of sister schools.

## Maths Day

What a treat it was to see all our children dressed up to celebrate Number Day. We were so impressed to see so many creative costumes. I counted so many calculators and different ways of showing numbers. All of our children were able to participate in maths quizzes, games and different activities.



Have a lovely weekend

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