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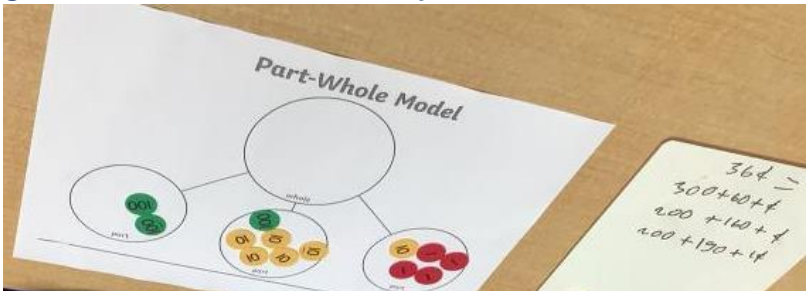
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Attendance - 93.29%

Reception	<p>Reception had a wonderful first week back at school. We have been learning all about pirates and have had a visit from 'Pirate Frank' who left us a treasure chest behind. We have also been working on our teen numbers and how we can represent these on 10 frames, as well as making pirate treasure out of salt dough, learning pirate songs on the drums and making our own pirate treasure maps. We really enjoyed our dance day on Friday and our whole school picnic. Well done Reception!</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>
Year 1	<p>Year 1 has had a good week back. We have finished our story, <i>'The Tiny Seed'</i>, and the children re-wrote the story. In Maths, we have started our fraction topic, looking at making halves and quarters. We have started our History topic - castles - and have enjoyed looking into why Corfe Castle is where it is. In RE, we discussed what is in a church and looked at the special symbols in a church. In Science, we have continued our learning on plants and have planted some flowers so we can see the process of them growing. Great work, Year 1!</p>
Year 2	<div style="display: flex;">  <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <p>Year 2 has had a great week and jumped right back into working hard mode after the holiday. We have started our DT project, Super Salads, and had a taste-testing session in which we tried different foods that we could use in a healthy salad of our design. After this, we each selected our ingredients (using the EatWell Plate as a guide) and wrote a set of instructions on how to make the salad. We will be making and evaluating our salads next week! In English, we have started our new class text, <i>The Hodgeheg</i>, and have read about the main characters in the hedgehog family living in the garden at 5A. In RE, we have looked at all the churches in Swanage and found out how they all work together to serve our community. We greatly enjoyed our dance session and</p> </div> </div>

	whole-school picnic for well-being week! Well done on a great week's work and effort, Year 2!
Year 3	<p>This week, Year 3 launched into our new RE topic, <i>Dialogue and Encounter</i>. The children have begun exploring Judaism and discovering its connections to Christianity through stories and discussion. In Maths, we're continuing to strengthen our understanding of division by applying our times tables knowledge and working on flexibly partitioning numbers to 100. In English, the children are working hard on writing non-chronological reports all about our school—highlighting what makes it such a special place to learn and grow. It's been a short but busy week!</p> 
Year 4	<p>Year 4 has had a great week. In English, we've continued reading <i>Street Child</i> and have practised our inference and vocabulary skills. In Writing, we have been looking at persuasive writing, trying to learn from other examples so that we can apply them when we come to planning and writing our own persuasive speeches next week. In Maths, we've been learning about time. The children have worked really hard at this, and I'm pleased to be able to say that many of the children that couldn't tell the time previously, can now tell the time. In PE, we have been practising our match play skills and applying the different skills we have learnt to a competitive scenario. Well done Y4 for a great week!</p>
Year 5	<p>Year 5 has had a productive week. We had an absolutely fantastic trip to the Ancient Technology Centre, where we learned how to bake flat bread, become a Viking warrior and also the skill of weaving.</p> <p>In Maths, we learnt how to use negative numbers. In PE, we had a successful lesson recapping on handball.</p>
Year 6	<p>Year 6 has had an excellent week. In English, they have started a new class text '<i>Jumanji</i>' and have written and performed interesting playscripts. In Science, they prepared an investigation to find out how fast microorganisms grow in different conditions. In History, pupils compared food from the Maya and Viking cultures; they also created an example menu from the foods which were consumed. In RE, they learnt about the Good Samaritan and rewrote the parable from the Samaritan's point of view, thinking carefully about 'acts of mercy'.</p>

The Sports Report

The Mini Olympics took place for Year One who had a thoroughly great time competing in the big sports hall at the Purbeck School. Well done to all those who took part.

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