

# ARK Walk to Threemilestone Village

As part of our topic on Homes we walked around the local area and identified different buildings and their uses. We enjoyed visiting the bakery and buying stamps from the post office for our postcards.









# 'Tortoise Tuesday'

On a sunny Tuesday we decided to bring in our tortoises as we were starting a new topic on shapes in maths. The students loved chasing them around the grassy bank and feeding them but not sure 'Timmy' and 'Charlie' did!







#### Truro Outdoor Market

A shopping list was sent home so that parents could select items for the students to buy at the market. Nigel Ekin's, is in charge of the outdoor market enjoyed having the students come to visit and has offered some exciting opportunities to visit farms and bakeries connected to the market.





# Hi Catherine.

I have had a word with our traders who were all very impressed with your pupils- so if you can pass this on to them -we all thought they were very well behaved, polite and patient. For the future we would welcome visits to the Market if you want to build this into your schemes of work for next term.

I have also had a word with individual producers about on site visits. We can arrange visits to an Organic Vegetable smallholding, to the Cornish Duck Farm (a great one as the pupils will see ducks from hatching eggs to chicks to hundreds off fully grown free range ducks) and a visit to Trescowthick Farm (our bakers where subject to organizing the right day the pupils can have a go at making bread /pasties/cakes) - more producers may also offer visits subject to weather timing etc.

Look forward to speaking again.

Nigel



# Boscowan Park Trip.

As it was so sunny, we decided to go and play further a field and practice buying smoothies and sharing play equipment. We went to Malpas park and met George at the café who gave us discount for our starwberry smooties and cookies! We had a great time and Mrs Hooper drove the minibus!







## **Specialist ICT training for TA's**

Steve Warner and the ICT department have been working with us to deliver specific ICT training on a weekly basis to any of the team that requested training. All TAs who have participated have commented on how useful the sessions have been and how patient Mr Warner is. Whether it has been a brushing up of existing skills or learning something new the partnership has been invaluable in up skilling the support work force and we hope the sessions may long continue.

## **TA Performance Management**

July see's the completion of the first full cycle of the new TA Performance Management process. The more structured and rigorous process has seen a drive in ambition in the team with many staff actively seeking opportunities to develop and grow within their role; from research, booking onto free courses, sharing of knowledge and information and increased aspiration. The process which could have been viewed as onerous has been viewed by the TA's as a positive step forward to improving the support and care we provide our Children and Young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

## **SEND Learning Walks**

JRG and I have completed the first round of TA Support, SEND Learning Walks, the process has been very informative and has given us much food for thought on good practise and the deployment, monitoring and development of the TA's. Watch this space for further observations and future plans to improve effectiveness for all, across the school.