

Dear families,

We have had a very busy, yet exciting start to the term! We are very pleased with how the Reception children have settled in!

At APSoL, we follow National Curriculum UK as a guide but truly value all the enrichment opportunities we offer all children to further enrich their learning experiences.

Ongoing curriculum enrichment:

- Daily Portuguese language lessons with a language teacher
- Weekly music lessons with a specialist teacher (from Year 1, children learn a different instrument every year as a class).
- Weekly PE lessons with a specialist
- Forest schools sessions for Reception and Year 1
- Swimming lessons for Year 2

In addition, we explore opportunities to enrich the children's learning with each of their termly topics and subjects. For example, this term, Reception and Year 1 are going to have the opportunity to dress up as palaeontologists whilst exploring fossils and learning about dinosaurs. Year 2 have a VR Space workshop and will have the opportunity to dress up as astronauts as part of their topic.

At APSoL, we truly value **parental engagement**, as we believe that the partnership between home and school is key to the children's success at school. Please see below all the parental engagement opportunities for this term:

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| First week of term | Parent information meetings - all year groups (curriculum overview, routines, end-of-year expectations, knowledge organisers, routines) |
| 6th October at 3pm | RWInc Phonics workshop for Reception and Year 1 parents. To confirm attendance please email school office. |
| 10th October 3:15pm | Reception showcase for parents - topic: All about me |
| 12th October 3:15pm | Year 2 showcase for parents - topic: Space |
| 13th October 3:15pm | Year 1 showcase for parents - topic: Dinosaurs |
| 20th October | Parent consultation appointments - meeting with the class teacher Bookings to follow |
| 21st October | School closed. Parents can organise virtual meetings with Ms Alexandra regarding Portuguese |
| 3rd November 3pm | KS1 SATs Meeting for Year 2 parents |

If you have a particular skill or interest and would like to get involved by leading workshops for any of our year groups or leading a special assembly, please get in touch.

Pupil Voice and Developing Citizenship skills:

At APSoL, we teach the children British Values: Democracy, Rule of Law, Respect and Tolerance, Individual Liberty, through our curriculum offer, assemblies and enrichment.

During the first two weeks of term, all children learnt about **Democracy**:

Each class voted for their:

- Article 12 Group (School Council / Unicef Rights group)
- Eco-Schools Ambassadors
- House Captains for our 4 Houses: Discoverers, Explorers, Navigators and Expeditioners.

We believe that it is very important for all children to feel valued and have a voice. As such, these children will be meeting regularly with school leadership, discussing key issues that are pertinent to their areas of responsibility and representing the voice of the children in their classes.

House Captains



Eco-Schools Ambassadors Y1 & Y2



Article 12 Group Y1 and Y2



These children will lead these roles for 3 terms providing they continue to be excellent role models, have excellent attendance and uphold school values.

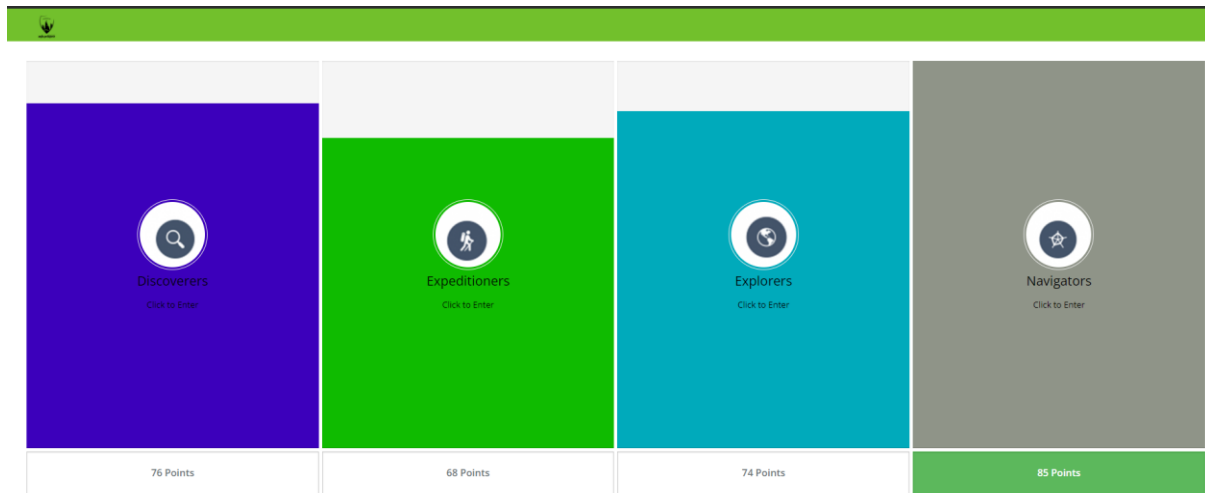
In Spring, we will hold new elections for all these posts giving other children an opportunity to be elected.

House Points: all children belong to a House and have a House captain.

Children can get attributed points for excellent learning behaviours, work, manners, kindness, attendance etc

At the end of each term, the House with the most points, will have a collective prize. We will also be organising House events where children

House points so far this term:



Ms Marta, Principal

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| Regular parent volunteers needed: To become a regular volunteer, please email the school office. | | |
| Reception Forest school outings | Year 1 Forest school outings | Year 2 swimming lessons |
| 16/9, 30/9, 14/10, 4/11, 18/11, 30/11, 9/12 | 23/9, 7/10, 20/10, 11/11, 25/11, 2/12, 9/12 | Every Thursday |